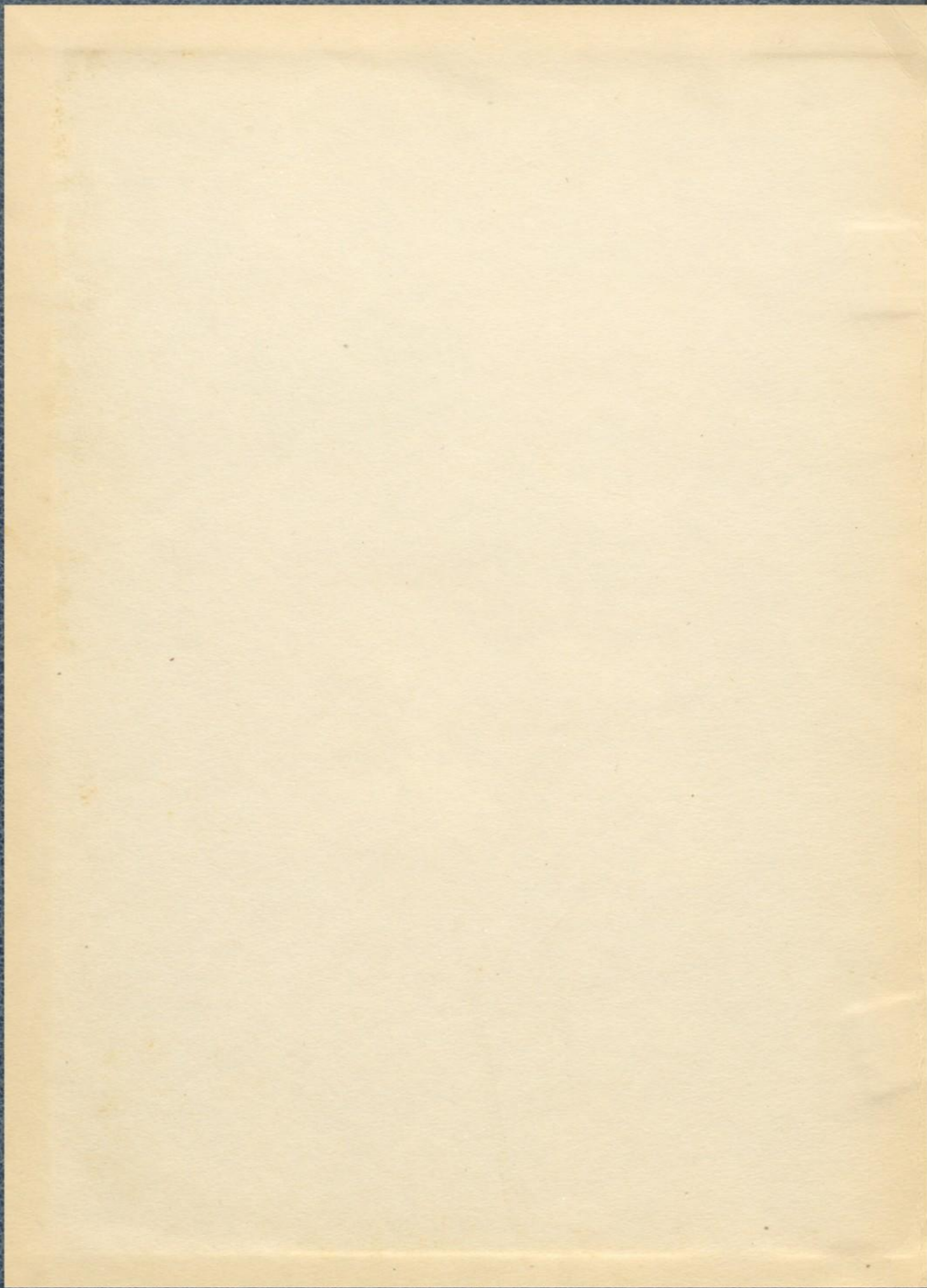




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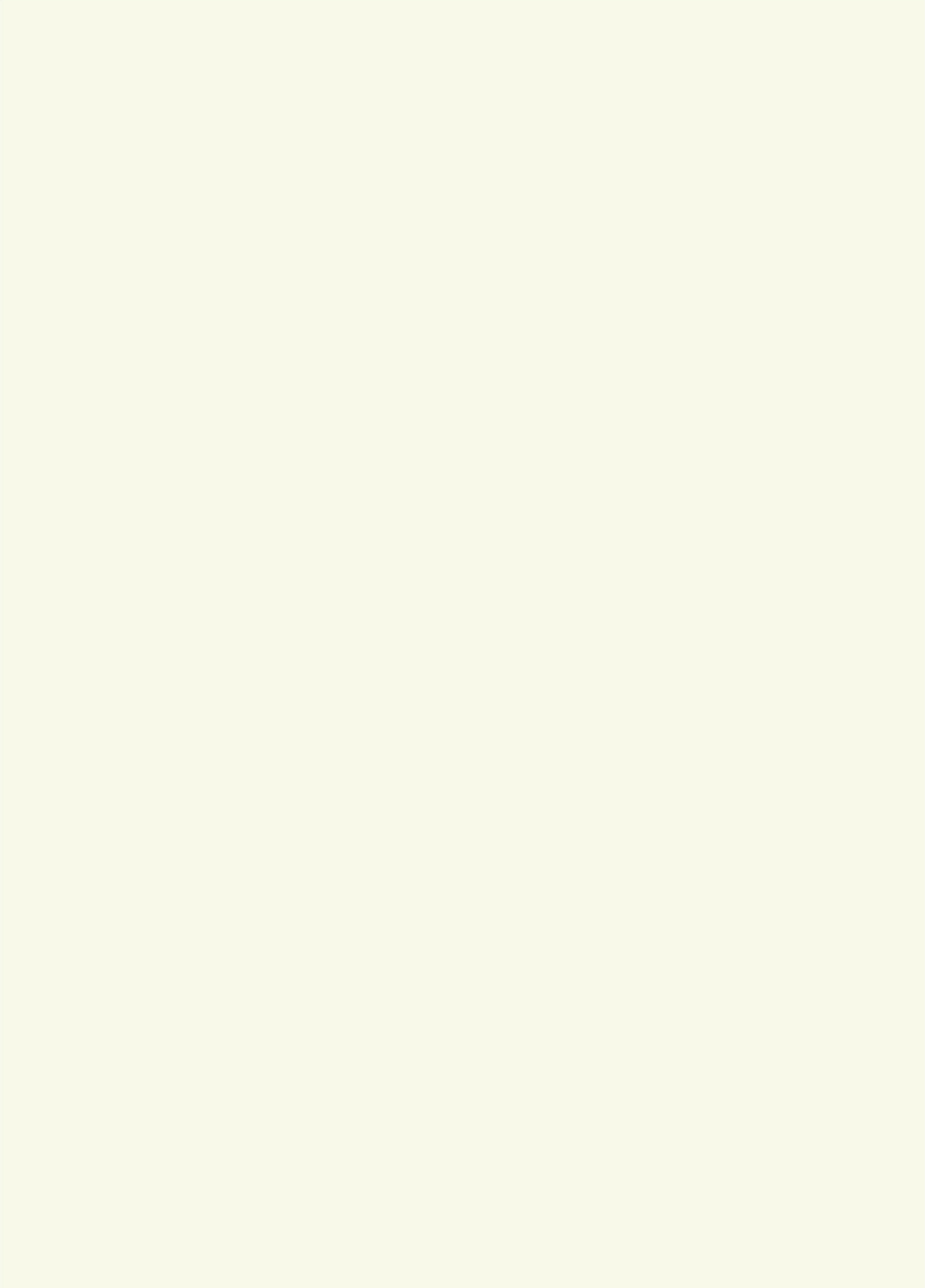
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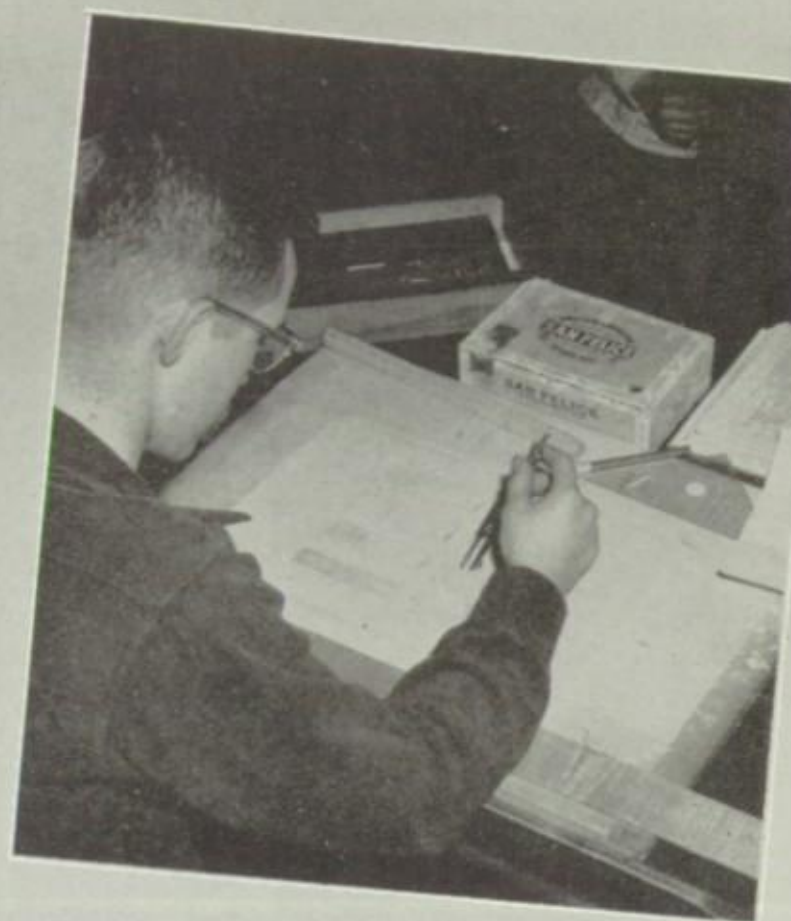
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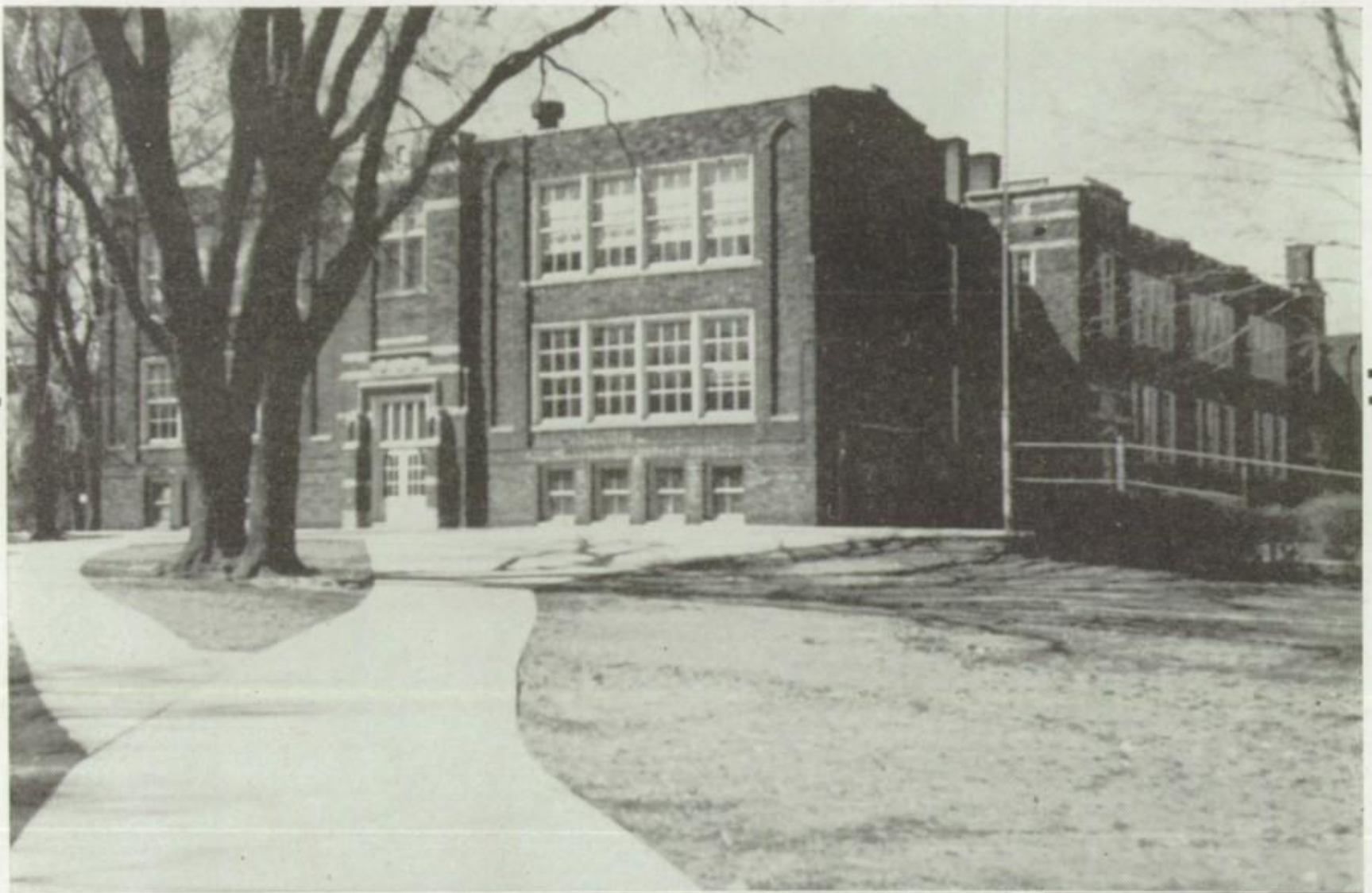


Activities



Dedication

We, the Senior class of 1950, dedicate this thirty-second publication of the Excalibur to our faithful friend and teacher, Coach Mike Kish. Coach has been head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Van Wert High for the past three years, and in that time he has developed many fine teams. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation.



Faculty

The following section is devoted to the members of our faculty. We wish to thank them for all they have done in our behalf to make our high school years as happy and profitable as they have been.





SUPERINTENDENT R. D. BENNETT

Superintendent

Members of the Class of 1950, this year marks the half way point of the twentieth century. No similar period in history has witnessed so great a scientific advancement nor seen man confronted with more strife, turmoil, and conflicting ideologies as this period. The whole world is attempting to adjust itself to a stable, harmonious way of life.

You and your generation face a great challenge. Our scientific advancement is a potential weapon that can set civilization back a thousand years or if it is used as our Creator intended it to be used, then the next fifty years of the world's history may be its most glorious.

Congratulations Seniors, and I trust that you and your generation will accept the challenge.



PRINCIPAL ROBERT BAKER

Principal

As members of the Class of 1950 you have attained one of life's major goals. In leaving our high school you will carry with you the best wishes of the faculty and me. It will always be our hope that the success which is yours now will continue as you face the goals of the future.



Earl Shaffer, Walter Tolan, Hazel Gleason, R. D. Bennett, M. Forwalter, J. S. Hall, Cyril Bechtol

School Board

To these six members of our community, Van Wert is indebted for the direction of our school system. They have given much valuable time to maintain high standards in governing the education of all school children. May we express our gratitude for all they have done.

Secretaries

Much deserved but seldom given credit goes to the secretaries for their patience and understanding in dealing with all of us here in our high school. We wish to thank them for all they have done in these past four years.

Alice Shaw



Lois Klausing



Joan Schaeper





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Classes

The Student Body — the backbone of Van Wert High — is represented in the various classes in the next section of this annual. May their years here be happy and profitable. Turn the page and a year in your four-year high school cycle will slip by.





MARYLOU AGLER — "Lu Lu" — "And when tomorrow comes, then you'll see, She'll wear a wedding ring." Y-Teens 1; Prom Committee; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian.

DANA R. ANDERSON — "I'd rather be wrong than blue." Hi-Y 3, 4; "Betty Lou"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

JACK D. ANSPACH — "All I crave is more of life."



HELEN LOUISE BAER — "She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother." Student Librarian.

RICHARD G. BAGLEY — "Dick" — "Down the road of life we'll fly-automobiling, you and I." Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

MADGE BAILEY — "Serene in the silent air."



REGINA DAWN BARRY — "Pena" — "You must've been a beautiful baby, 'Cause baby look at you now." G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 3; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 3.

HUGH H. BEBOUT — "Hugo" — "Bet a dime on some darn thing, Lost and started in to sing." "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play Committee; One Act Plays.

BERNICE IRENE BECK — "Bee" — "The majorette who leads them down the street." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Student Council 1, 2; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Treasurer 3; Girls' Intramurals; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4.



CHARLES D. BLANKE — "That lucky old sun has nothing to do but roll around heaven all day."

MARGARET MAE BLOCK — "Margie" — "Margie, you are our inspiration, Margie." G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 4; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian; Scarlet Quill; F.T.A. 3, 4.

CONSTANCE ANN BRICKER — "Connie" — "Her beaux are standin' ten deep in line" G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Cheerleader 3; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals; Scarlet Quill; One Act Plays; F.T.A.



BARBARA KONETA BROCKERT — "Nita" — "Every fella wishin' he could be your Sunday beau." Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; Cheerleader 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee; Dance Orchestra 1; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 2.

CHARLES BROWN — "Chuck" — "I push the first valve down; the music goes down and around, Who-ho-ho-ho." Hi-Y 3, 4; Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee.

MARVIN BRUBAKER — "Bru" — "The streamlined cannon ball." Hi-Y 3, 4; "V" Club; Student Council 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2, 4; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."

BILL EUGENE CHIVINGTON — "He signs his checks with 'X's' but they cash them just the same."

JOHN Q. COLE — "Bud" — "Old King Cole was a merry old sole, And a merry old sole was he." Hi-Y 3, 4; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Boys' Intramurals; One Act Plays.

BEATRICE O. COLLINS — "Beatie" — "Wedding bells will soon be ringin', And a choir will soon be singin'." Y-Teens; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals.

SYLVIA JANETTE COOPER — "Jan" — "You made every little hour, sweet as a flower." Y-Teens; Chorus 1; Student Librarian; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."

VIOLA COTTERMAN

SHARON JOAN CRYER — "A maid whose laugh is pure delight."

PHILIP HAROLD CULLY — "Doc" — "Everybody's crazy half the time." Hi-Y 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Boys' Intramurals; Boy Rotarian; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."

FLORENCE IMOGENE DONER — "Imie" — "I wouldn't change you for the world." "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee.

CAROLYN JEAN DRURY — "Carol" — "Five foot two—eyes of blue, Oh what those five feet could do!" G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; Excalibur Staff, National Honor Society 3, 4; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill; One Act Plays; Majorette 3, 4; "Seventeenth Summer."

KENNETH EDWARDS — "Ken" Hi-Y 3; Student Council 3; Chorus 1, 2; Band 1, 2; Rendezvous Committee 1.

MARGUERITE RUTH ETZLER — "Maggie" — "If you think candy's sweet—here's a gal you ought to meet." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Intramurals; F.H.A.; Jr. Town Meeting; One Act Plays.

DONALD DEAN EVANS — "The man who paints the rainbow in the sky." Hi-Y 3, 4; Prom Committee.

JIM FAWCETT — "Jim" — "Let your worries flutter by and do the things you please." Hi-Y 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 4; Prom Committee; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill; One Act Plays.

BILL FELLERS — "Bill" — "A Feller (s) needs a girl — his own kind of girl." Hi-Y 3, 4; "V" Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Ring and Pin Committee; Class Office, President 4; Junior Class Play Committee; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.; Boy Rotarian; One Act Plays.

BARBARA JUNE FRIEDLY — "Bobbie" — "You'll learn to cook and to sew— What's more you'll love it we know." Y-Teens.





THEODORE GARMYN



DORIS LOUISE GEISMAN — "Dorie" — "We do do like you." G.A.A.; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; One Act Plays.



F. JOSEPH GIESSLER — "Joe" — "Music! Music! Music!" Hi-Y 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Lyre Club; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Cabinet; Prom Committee; Dance Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian; Boys' State; Rendezvous Committee 3.



PATRICIA LOUISE GORMAN — "Patty Lou" — "Oh you beautiful doll, You great big beautiful doll." Y-Teens; Student Council 4; Ring and Pin Committee; Invitation Committee; One Act Plays.



FRANCIS EARL HALL — "Frank" — "They see me night and day time having such a gay time." Hi-Y; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1, 2; Prom Committee; Class Officer, President 1; Football 2; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 2, 3.



LUETTA HARDING — "Lou" — "Play me something I can dance to." Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 4.



LOIS SUZANNE HEATH — "Sue" — "I'm as busy as a spider spinning day dreams." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; D.A.R. Contestant; Jr. Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill; One Act Plays; Drum Majorette; "Seventeenth Summer."



MARY ELIZABETH HIATT — "Becky" — "She goes singing, singing, singing, She's happy as a bride." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 1; Chorus 1; Girls' Intramurals; F.H.A.



MARCIA LOUISE HICKMAN — "Hickie" — "A hundred and one pounds of fun — She's our little honeybun!" G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Lyre Club; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Dance Orchestra 3; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant; "Boy Wanted"; Scarlet Quill; Girls' State; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; One Act Plays; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2; "Seventeenth Summer."



DAVID W. HILLER — "And you gaze at miles of wavin' corn — That's home country." Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.



FRANK B. HOFFMAN — "I'm the toughest hom-brey you'll ever meet — Though I may be the last!" "V" Club; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.



RICHARD N. HORNER — "Dick" — "They say that's where your trouble ends, Down in Oklahoma." Hi-Y 4; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 4; Football 3; Boys' Intramurals; Invitation Committee.



DAVID F. HUDSON — "Be-bop's spoken here!!" Hi-Y 3; Student Council 1; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; One Act Plays.



ROBERT DUANE JEROME — "Ike" — "I dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair." Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Lyre Club; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Class Officer, President, Sophomore; Boys' Intramurals; "Boy Wanted"; Boy Rotarian.



PAUL J. JOHNSON — "Skeeter" — "I'm as corny as Kansas in August, I'm as normal as blueberry pie!" Hi-Y 3, 4; Football Manager 2; Boys' Intramurals.

OCY LEE JONES — "Tex" — "Some people call it Texas — But it's Paradise to me!" Hi-Y; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus; One Act Plays.

JACK MYERS KELLER — "Old MacKeller had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!" F.F.A.

JOHN MILTON KINTZ — "Jack" — "The crowd sees me out dancing, carefree and romancing." Hi-Y 3, 4; "V" Club; Student Council 3; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 3, 4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee; Class Officer — President 3; "Seventeenth Summer"; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Invitation Committee; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



WILLIAM F. KNOLL — "Bill" — "I'm a great big bundle of joy!"

WILLIAM DALE KREIDER — "Bill" — "You may not be an angel, but we'll string along with you." "V" Club; Basketball 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.

PATTY JEAN KUCKEIN — "Cookie" — "Her hair is blond and curly—her curls are hurly-burly." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "Betty Lou"; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."



WILLIAM JAY LAMB — "Bill" — "Take me out to the ball game."

EDNA LAMB

JANET LAYTON — "Sister Layton" — "Little woman, you're so sweet." Y-Teens; Chorus 2; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Orchestra 3; Student Librarian; "Seventeenth Summer."



MARIE RUTH LESHER — "When you're laughing the sun comes smiling through." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 2; Y-Teens; Cheerleader 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer—Treasurer 1, Secretary 4; Girls' Intramurals; F.H.A.; Student Librarian; One Act Plays.

DOYLE E. McCOY — "And boy, it's the real McCoy!" — Boys' Intramurals.

CAROLE JOAN MANLEY — "Jo" — "Your pretty smile will always linger on, Though you are many miles away." Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2.



JACK ROBERT MASON — "Bob" — "You're always on the go!"

MARILYN JEAN MAYER — "Mickey" — "Mickey, pretty Mickey, can you blame anyone for falling in love with you?" G.A.A.; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 4; "Hollywood Extra"; Lyre Club; Chorus 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer—Vice-President 4; Junior Class Play Committee; Dance Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill Staff; One Act Plays.

DONNA BELLE MOSIER — "Your smile so warm has taken my heart by storm." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 2, 3; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals.





JANICE JEAN NEWBURY — "Jan" — "Though other friendships have been forgot, Ours will still be hot—My friend 'Irma'." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



ANN ARLENE PALMER — "Arlene" — "The lady from Twenty-nine Palms" G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 1; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Vice-President 2; Girls' Intramurals; Student Librarian; Scarlet Quill.



JOHN THOMAS PRIDDY — "Jackson" — "His hair is golden yellow— His eyes are big and blue— OH, Mama, what'll I do!!" Chorus; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Secretary 2; Junior Class Play Committee; F.F.A. 1, 2; Boy Rotarian; "Boy Wanted"; One Act Plays; Jr. Town Meeting.



GORDON L. PRITCHARD — "Gordie" — "He's a jolly good fellow—which nobody can deny."



ROGER RALSTON — "Rusty" — "Grab your coat and get your hat, Leave your worries on the doorstep."



PETE RAY — "John Greenwalt" — "He made the night a little brighter, Wherever he would go—" Hi-Y 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Class Officer, Vice-President 3; Football 1, 2, 3; Boys' Intramurals; Rendezvous Committee 4.



RICHARD L. RILEY — "Dick" — "Love ain't worrin' me."



ROLLAND RUNYON — "He'd rather be right than be president."



CARL J. SAAM " Jake" — "He must know somethin'—he don't say nothin', He just keeps rollin' along." Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.



TOM SHRECK



VIRGINIA PEARL SCOTT — "Scottie" — "A precious gem is what you are." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Council 2; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant.



DONNA LOUISE SELLS — "Pro" — "Hair of gold, eyes of blue, lips like cherry wine." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Secretary 2; Girls' Intramurals; Invitation Committee; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 2.



MARCIA ANN SEVERN — "Sev" — "The girl at the typewriter." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Orchestra 1; Girls' Intramurals.



CLEO VIOLA SHAW — "Louie" — "Blue skies smiling on me—nothing but blue skies do I see." Y-Teens; F.H.A.; "Boy Wanted"; One Act Plays.



RUTH SHERBURN — "I love those dear hearts and gentle people that live in my hometown!!" National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2; Junior Class Play Committee; "Boy Wanted"; One Act Plays.

ROGER SIDERS — "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

ROBERT WAYNE SINN — "Bob" — "Got a knockout style and the cutest smile." Hi-Y 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Class Officer, Vice President 1, Secretary-Treasurer 2; Orchestra 3; Basketball 4; Boys' Intramurals; "Seventeenth Summer."

PHYLLIS JOAN SITES — "Jo" — "Those things money can't buy." Student Librarian.

PATRICIA ANN SKELLEY — "Smell" — "How cute can you be." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Lyre Club; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Secretary 3; Girls' Intramurals; Scarlet Quill.

BARBARA JEAN SMITH — "Smitty" — "When you hear my special kind o' whistle, Let me hear you whistle back an echo." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Prom Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; Student Librarian; Jr. Town Meeting; Rendezvous Committee 1.

JULIA ELLEN SPIEKER — "Spike" — "Art is calling to me." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "Hollywood Extra"; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Lyre Club; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals; "Boy Wanted"; Junior Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill Staff.

PAUL ROBERT SPINDLER — "I'm walking on air and I haven't a care." Hi-Y 3; Boys' Intramurals; F.F.A.

RITA GENE SPINOZA — "Slurp" — "You can give me an ovation, by calling me just as before Serpolette, Serpolette, nothing more!" Y-Teens; Brooklyn National Honor Society 3; "The Chimes of Normandy"; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play Committee.

BETTY LOU STABLER — "Lou" — "You've got what makes a dream complete!" G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Cheerleader 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Class Officer—Treasurer 2; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; One Act Plays; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4.

NORMA JEAN STEGAMAN — "Jean" — "So happy, so humble, too much in love to grumble—gee." G.A.A.; Girls' Intramurals; Student Librarian.

BARBARA L. STEMEN — "Bob" — "And though her charm is yet unknown to fame, Still we love her just the same." G.A.A.; Girls' Intramurals.

ROBERT ERNEST STEMEN — "Bob" — "Oh give me land lots of land under starry skies above, Don't fence me in!" "V" Club; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals.

ROGER LEE STUCKEY — "Turtle" — "They tell me Romeo was some lover too—But boy, he should have taken lessons from you." Hi-Y 3, 4; "V" Club; Chorus 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."

PATRICIA TAYLOR — "Pat" — "There's a smile on my face for the whole human race." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2; Prom Committee; Class Officer 4; Girls' Intramurals; Rendezvous Committee 4.

ROANNA IMOGENE THOMAS — "Jeanie" — "It's the little things that count." Y-Teens; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra"; Chorus 1, 2; F.H.A.





MARY JEAN TODD — "Stinger" — "Thou swell, thou witty, thou grand." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 2; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Secretary 1; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; "Boy Wanted"; Junior Town Meeting; Scarlet Quill Staff; One Act Plays; Girls' State.

JENNIE SUE TRUAX — "Sue" — "If you knew Susie like I know Susie—Oh, Oh, what a gal." G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "Betty Lou;" "Hollywood Extra;" Chorus 1, 2; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals; F.H.A.; Student Librarian; "Boy Wanted;" "Seventeenth Summer."

ROBERT DAVID TUCKER — "Bob" — "Ev'rybody loves him and they think that he's grand." Hi-Y 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "V" Club; Student Council 3, 4; Chorus; Band 1; Prom Committee; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Boys Intramurals; Boy Rotarian; "Boy Wanted"; Scarlet Quill Staff; Boys' State.



WILLIAM LYNN WABLE — "Bill" — "Oh, ain't you glad you're single?" "And that song ain't so very far from wrong."

DONALD E. WADE — "Don" — "Will there be any yodeling in heaven." "Hollywood Extra;" Chorus 1, 2, 3; Boys' Intramurals.

CORLISS E. WELKER — "Corkie" — "He just is what he is."



RICHARD WELKER — "Dick" — "Come on boys, let's be gay, boys." Chorus 1; Basketball 1; Boys' Intramurals.

JOHN R. WELLS — "Curly" — "He's the swellest guy I've seen, He's like an actor on the movin' picture screen." Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Boys' Intramurals F.F.A.; Boy Rotarian; One Act Plays.

MAXINE MARIE WILDER — "Max" — "You make us happy when skies are grey." Y-T ens; Junior Class Play Committee; "Boy Wanted"



REA ANN WILLIAMSON — "You'll never walk alone." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; "Betty Lou;" "Hollywood Extra;" Chorus 1, 2; Girls' Intramurals.

ESTHER MARIE WINTERS — "Marie" — "Full of fun and fancy free—that's the way I wantta be." G.A.A.; "Betty Lou;" Chorus 1, 2; Girls Intramurals; Student Librarian; One Act Plays.

THOMAS A. WISE — "Tom" — "When he's all dolled up you ought to see him, He's the best-dressed rube in town."



DALE E. WISENER — "It's too late now to worry any more about school."

CAROL LEE WORTMAN — "But she's a lass with lots of class." Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 3; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1; "The Chimes of Normandy;" Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Student Librarian; "Boy Wanted"; Scarlet Quill.

BETTY JOYCE WOTEN — "Joyce" — "The fairest of the fair." Y-Teens; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; "Boy Wanted"; Scarlet Quill.

G. KERNAN WRIGHT — "Vooty" — "Every day is ladies day with me." Hi-Y 4; Chorus 1, 3; Band 1; Dance Orchestra 3, 4; "Boy Wanted"; Jr. Town Meeting; One Act Plays; "Seventeenth Summer."

GLORIA JEAN YOUNG—"Get hep and get happy with the Johnson Rag." G.A.A.; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Intramurals.

MARTHA JEAN ZINN — "And in your charming way, what wonders you perform." G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Girls' Intramurals.



Senior Class History

The years spent here with you, Van Wert High, have marked four more interesting but valuable chapters to each one of us as we are about to step out into life itself, thus drawing to a close Part I in our book of life and beginning Part II.

CHAPTER IX

This began in September, 1946, as one hundred forty-five "Greenies" became a part of Van Wert High. Keeping up with tradition, the class officers—Frank Hall, President; Clete Conley, Vice-President; Mary Todd, Secretary; and Marie Leshner, Treasurer—were elected early in the year.

The boys who made the football and basketball teams were: Clete Conley, Jack Kintz, Bob Tucker, Roger Stuckey, Bob Stemen, Frank Hoffman, Pete Ray, Bill Fellers, Paul Sheibley, Brock Swisher, Roger Siders, Dale Wisener, and Dick Welker.

CHAPTER X

We were climbing up the ladder and now were Sophomores. Election time rolled around again. This time Duane Jerome was elected President; Arlene Palmer, Vice-President; Donna Sells, Secretary; and Lou Stabler, Treasurer.

This year Marvin Brubaker was chosen as one of the cheerleaders.

CHAPTER XI

At last we were upper classmen and quite proud of the fact, too. With all the prominence and responsibility of our position, we chose Jack Kintz, President; Pete Ray, Vice-President; Pat Skelley, Secretary; and Bernice Beck, Treasurer.

The basketball and football athletes were Jack Anspach, Jack Kintz, Bob Stemen, Bill Fellers, Bill Kreider, Bob Tucker, Frank Hoffman, and Pete Ray.

Marvin Brubaker was joined by four of his classmates in cheerleading — Connie Bricker, Anita Brockert, Marie Leshner, and Lou Stabler.

Those members elected to the National Honor Society were: Carolyn Drury, Mary Todd, Marcia Hickman, Julia Spieker, Joyce Woten, and Virginia Scott.

The theme of the Junior Prom was the 1849 Gold Rush.

The Junior class play was "Boy Wanted," a hilariously complicated comedy.

CHAPTER XII

This is the chapter we, as Seniors, have longed for, the time when we would be out of school for good. Yet, now that it has been completed and we look back upon the wonderful times had throughout our four years at Van Wert High, many of us lose our confidence and hate to see our school days end.

The officers throughout this year were: Bill Fellers, President; Marilyn Mayer, Vice-President; Pat Taylor, Treasurer; and Marie Leshar, Secretary.

The Senior participants on the Student Council were Pat Gorman, Marilyn Mayer, Bill Fellers, Duane Jerome, Jim Fawcett, Bob Tucker, Marvin Brubaker, and John Wells.

"The meeting will now come to order." This important sentence was repeated many times throughout the year by Marcia Hickman—President of G.A.A.; Bill Fellers—Student Council, F.F.A., and Hi-Y; Becky Hiatt—F.H.A.; Mary Todd—Y-Teens; and Bob Tucker—V Club.

The participants of the D.A.R. contest were: Sue Heath, Carolyn Drury, Virginia Scott, Marcia Hickman, and Marilyn Mayer.

The National Honor Society members elected this year were: Martha Zinn, Pat Taylor, Donna Sells, Ruth Sherburn, Sue Heath, Margaret Block, Marilyn Mayer, Carol Wortman, and Joe Giessler.

Marcia Hickman, the little piece of dynamite of the 1950 class, spoke her Prince of Peace Declamation at Columbus which won her a four year scholarship to one of eleven Ohio colleges.

Our football lettermen were: Frank Hoffman, Bill Fellers, Bob Stemen, Jack Kintz, Bob Tucker, Roger Stuckey, and Jack Anspach, while our basketball players were Bill Kreider, Bob Tucker, Roger Stuckey, Bob Sinn, and Jack Kintz.

The "yellers" this year were Marvin Brubaker, Lou Stabler, Anita Brockert, and Marie Leshar.

Two members of the Senior Class, Marilyn Mayer and Joe Giessler, have faithfully contributed to the Van Wert High School Dance Band for the past three years.

In front of the band as majorettes for the last four years have been Sue Heath and Bee Beck. Carolyn Drury is not far behind with two years to her credit. The high-stepper of the 1948-1950 Van Wert Band was Joe Giessler.

Carolyn Drury and Margaret Block were chosen to represent Van Wert High School at the Fourth Annual World Affairs Institute held at Cincinnati.

With the closing of Chapter XII and thus Part I in our book of life, we now look forward to a happy and prosperous future in Part II.

Junior Class History

One bright September day in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred forty-seven, one hundred and sixty bewildered Freshmen entered the doors of old Van Wert High. Being Freshman and inquisitive, we asked questions of the upper classmen and the teachers. Soon we became accustomed to this new type of school. We promptly set to work and elected our class officers. We chose Stan Agler, President; Jim Buerkley, Vice-President; Pat Kinsey, Secretary; and Olga Burgoon, Treasurer.

After being promoted to the Sophomore class, we again held an election. Officers elected this year were: Stan Agler, President; Pat McCollum, Secretary; and Joanne Laipply, Treasurer.

This year we were upper classmen, and our first official act was to again elect officers. The results were: Tom Krick, President; Jim Buerkley, Vice-President; Pat Kinsey, Secretary; and Calvin Jacobs, Treasurer.

Our seven representatives on the Student Council were: Tom Krick, David Livingston, Stan Agler, Colleen Wortman, Gene Bagley, Randall Giessler, and Jim Stabler.

To the Western Buckeye League Champion Cougars we sent: Tom Krick, Jim Buerkley, Gene Sunderland, Ned Williman, Bob Black, Stan Agler, Forest Crowe, Bob Thomas, Jim Cramer, Dick Prichard, Jim Rolsten, Dick Hines, and Don Bechtol.

These five Juniors helped to make up the varsity basketball squad—Stan Agler, Bob Black, Gene Bagley, Dick Prichard, and Jim Rolsten.

To the V-Club, we proudly sent: Tom Krick, Jim Rolsten, Stan Agler, Gene Sunderland, Dick Hines, Don Bechtol, Gene Bagley, Jim Buerkley, Ned Williman, Bob Thomas, and Dick Prichard.

"Those Websters" a hilarious three-act comedy was presented by the following members of the Junior Class: Jim Cramer, Jane Pennell, Dick Matthews, Colleen Wortman, Lucille Crowe, David Livingston, Pat McCollum, Sue Phillipy, George Brooks, Wanda Stoller, Jim Stabler, and Gene Bagley.

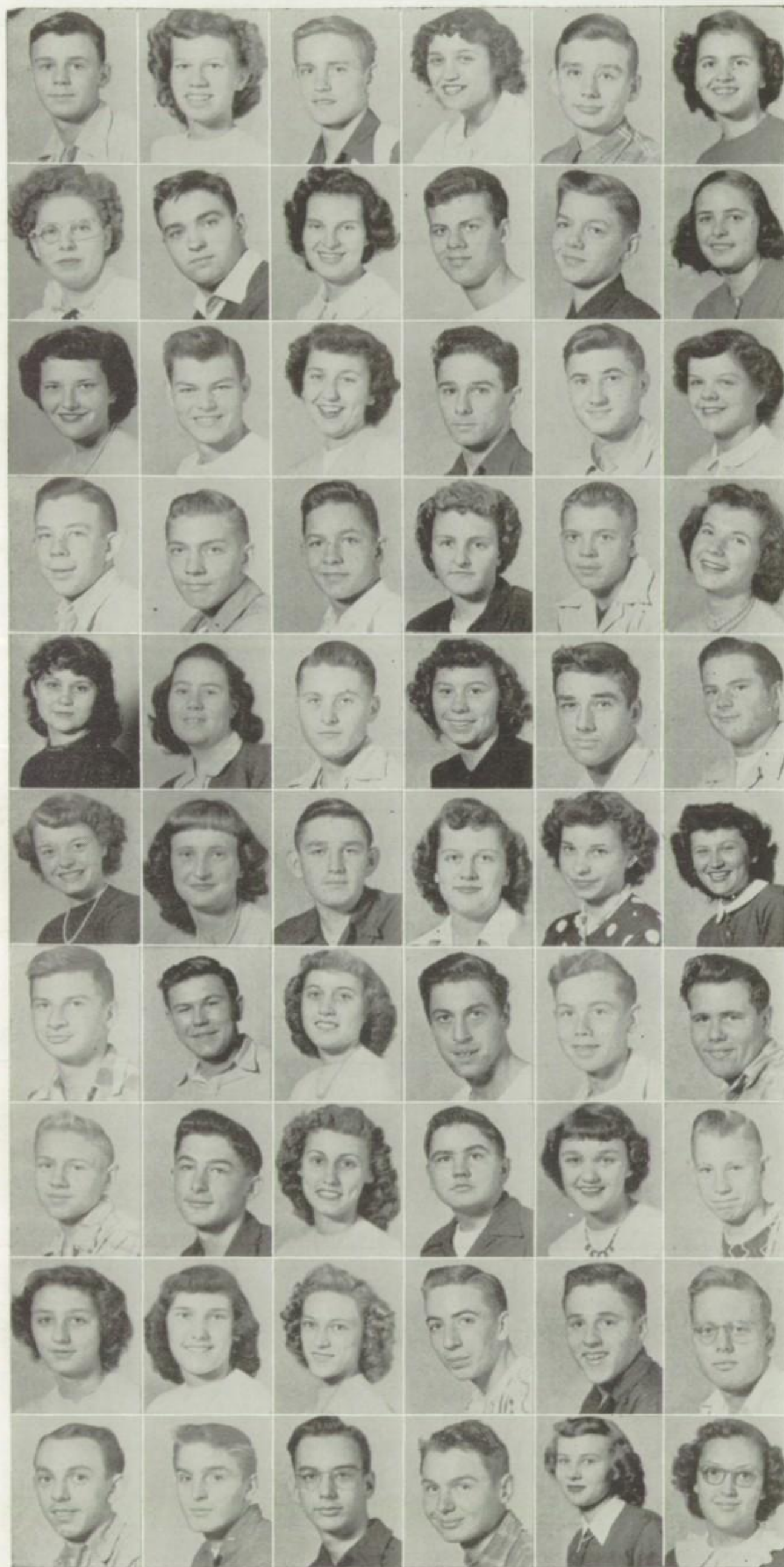
Six members of our class were greatly honored by being elected to the National Honor Society. They were: Pat Kinsey, David Livingston, Forest Crowe, Wanda Stoller, Ann Weaver, and Bill Balyeat.

Again this year, as in the past two years, our class was represented in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions at Chicago. This year, Don Bechtol, a lightweight, took the honors at Fort Wayne and then journeyed to Chicago, where he won his first flight but lost in a close second fight.

Many of our class were officers on the cabinets of G.A.A., Y-Teens, Hi-Y, F.F.A., F.T.A., and various other organizations.

Although three of our four school years have passed, the best is yet to come. We sincerely hope it will be as happy and prosperous as these last three have been.

Bill Balyeat



Donald Adams
Janet Agler
Stanley Agler
Cordella Allen
John Alspach
Betty Anderson

Virgilene Anderson
Don Baer
Dorothy Baer
Gene Bagley
Bill Balyeat
Delores Bauer

Barbara Baxter
Don Bechtol
Joan Bebout
Bob Black
Dick Bradford
Barbara Brennan

George Brooks
John Brown
Jim Buerkley
Olga Burgoon
Dick Busch
Janrose Camburn

Shirley Carey
Donna Cassell
Bernard Clark
Donna Clymer
Jim Cramer
Forest Crow

Lucille Crowe
Jean Davis
Bob Davies
Joan Denig
Alice Dunno
Joan Edwards

Bob Ellerbrock
Roger Elston
Barbara Finkhousen
Don Fox
Don Friemoth
Gordon Gardner

Roger Geisman
Randall Giessler
Joyce Griggs
Dick Glossett
Ruth Grindahl
Jim Grunden

Gloria Halliwell
Jerry Halliwell
Barbara Harman
Dave Herminghuysen
Bob Hickman
Dick Hines

Jim Houts
Calvin Jacobs
Jim Jarvis
Kenneth Jenkins
Carolyn Johnson
Odetta Johnson

Pat Kinsey
Dick Knittle
Gerald Kreischer
Harold Kreischer
Nedra Krick
Tom Krick



Dave Livingston
Jim McCleary
Pat McCollum
Dick McConahay
Betty Mace
Charlotte Matthews



Dick Matthews
Peggy May
Dorothy Mengerink
Pat Mercer
Dean Miller
Juanita Miller



Doris Mohler
Wayne Moore
Harvey Myers
John Myers
Mary Olberding
Don Parsons



Jane Pennell
Pat Phillips
Sue Phillipy
Roger Poling
Philip Price
Dick Pritchard



Princess Pritchard
Janet Rhoades
Jim Rolsten
Tony Scarpella
Paul Semer
Glen Sharp



Lowell Sherburn
Marilyn Schaad
Nanette Shreck
Eugene Smith
Frank Smith
Jim Spieth



Jim Stabler
Robert Stepleton
Roberta Stepleton
Carol Stevens
Wanda Stoller
Gene Sunderland



Dorothy Tangeman
Ruby Thatcher
Bob Thomas
George Walters
Joyce Walters
Francis Wasson



Ann Weaver
Harold Webster
Irene Welch
Janet Williams
Ned Williman
Colleen Wortman
Nancy Zinsmeister





Sophomore Class History

"Clear the way! Here we come!" shouted 138 ambitious looking students on that bright September morning. Of course, those students could be none other than the Sophomores, the class of 1952.

We were glad to be back with our friends, but yet, the fact that we had to be here nine months still haunted our minds. We got through our Freshman year; we certainly will get through our Sophomore year, we said.

In ten years America will need some new politicians to run it. We started young in electing officers just to know how to go about it. Candidates started campaigning for the class officers to be filled. The great day came when we went to the polls to cast our votes and elect Paul Wagstaff, President; Bob Skelley, Vice-President; Mary Ann King, Secretary; and Richard Adams, Treasurer. We then elected Mary Ann Dietrich, Carolyn Brenneman, Paul Wagstaff, and Fenton Bagley to represent us on the Student Council. Deloris Lehman, Mary Ann Dietrich, Paul Wagstaff, and Neil Stuckey were chosen for the Rendezvous Committee.

The class of '52 can be proud of their football players, too. Coach Smith received Bob Skelley, Bob Grubb, Bill Maize, Jim Miller, Paul Alvarado, Jim Baltzell, Don Williams, and Allen Stabler for his squad. Ronnie Grimes, John Riley, and Richard Adams served as managers.

Jim Bagley, Carl Beck, Harold Murphy, Larry Geissler, and Jim Baltzell went to Coach Kish for the basketball squad. Noel Moore served his second year as reserve manager.

Peggy Agler, Marcia Becker, and Suzonne Conley helped to cheer our boys on to victory as cheerleaders.

Ruth Unterbrink was the attendant for the Homecoming festivities.

We were well represented not only in sports, but also in the organizations.

Junior Y-Teens, taking thirty-six of our girls, had Phyllis Clark as President with Mary Ann Dietrich, Myrna Sowers, and Joyce Bricker assisting her.

G.A.A. took our girls' interest with forty-five of them ready to participate in all their activities. Martha Wiseman, Marcia Becker, and Marcia Waymire were the Sophomore representatives on their cabinet.

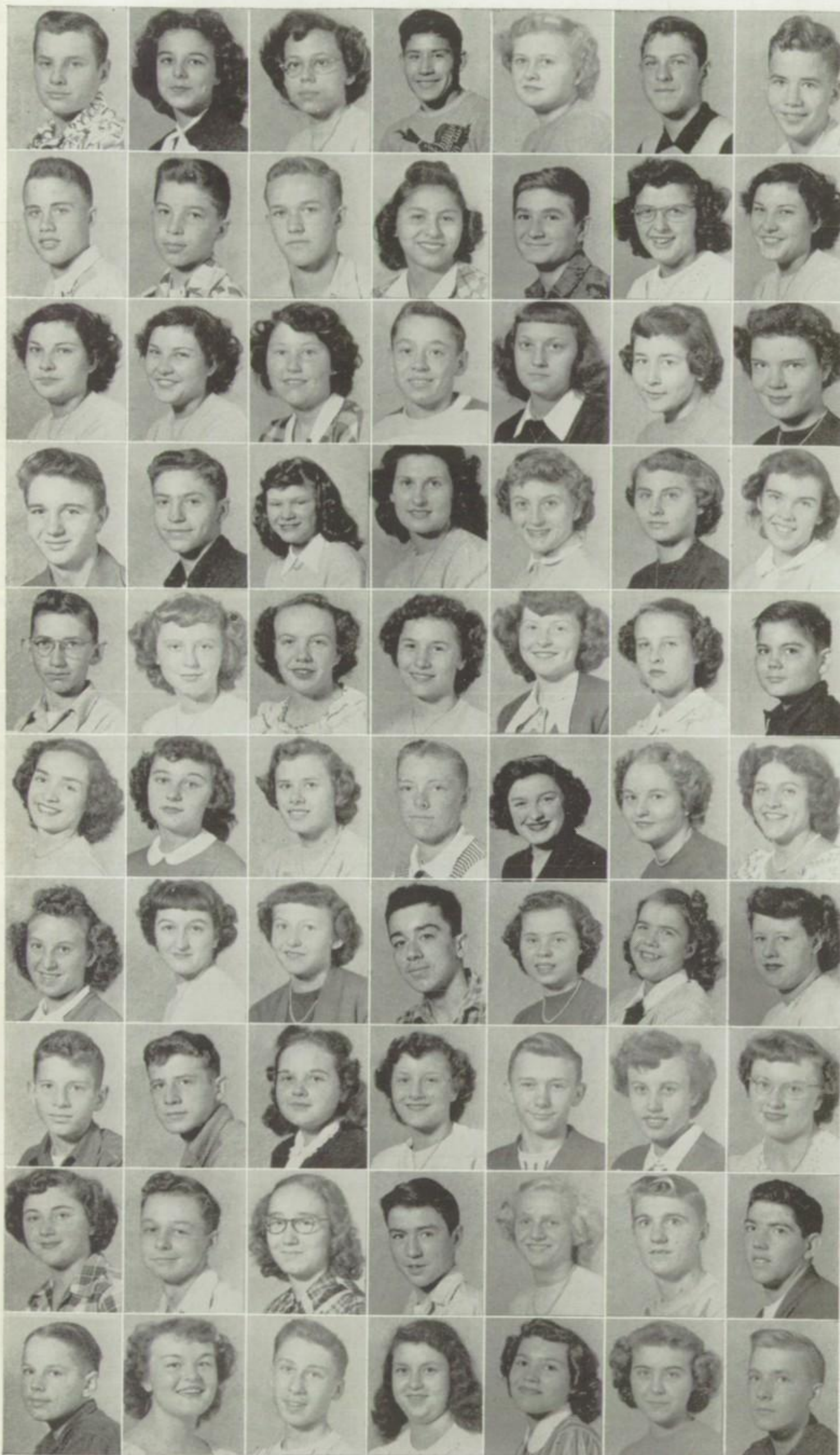
The Future Teachers, Future Homemakers, and Future Farmers of America in our class were proud of their clubs, too.

Two new clubs were added this year which took some more of our gals and menfolk—the Usherette Club and the Junior Hi-Y.

We have plenty of talent to give the world when we graduate. You could see that, if you attended the Band and Choral concerts given this year. The operetta showed some fine acting when Suzonne Conley, Robert Scheidt, Jim Hipsley, and Luther Cox took speaking parts.

As we come to the close of another year, we can see we have not wasted it foolishly. Many thanks to the teachers and advisers who helped to make it another successful year for the Class of 1952.

Myrna Sowers



Richard Adams
Peggy Agler
Martha Ainsworth
Paul Alvarado
Carolyn Atha
Bill Baer
Fenton Bagley

Jim Bagley
Charles Balyeat
Jim Baltzell
Josephine Barrientos
Tom Bates
Audrey Bauer
Mary Lou Baxter
(3 pictures)

Pat Bebout
Carl Beck
Marcia Becker
Nancy Bennett
Virginia Bergstrom

Walter Billieu
Charles Blair
Judy Blue
Lydia Bowersock
Carolyn Brenneman
Joyce Bricker
Beverly Brown

Don Burk
Pat Butler
Pat Campbell
Jeanette Chambers
Ilo Chevington
Phyllis Clark
Marion Conley

Suzonne Conley
Germaine Conn
Carolyn Cotner
Luther Cox
Jean Cross
Marcille Crowe
Dorothy Darras

Helen Dempsey
Shirley Dias
May Diertich
Francis Dixon
Sue Dustman
Betty Faulkner
Jackie Feeney

Ralph Felger
Richard Felger
Carla Fisher
Shirley Foreman
Bob Fowler
Shirley Fraker
Mary Frericks

Marilyn Garmyn
Larry Giessler
Pat Gipe
Dick Good
Pat Griffis
Ronnie Grimes
Bob Grubb

Rolden Heath
Rosemary Hiller
James Hipsley
Alberta Jenkins
Ruby Johns
Betty Johnson
Paul Johnson

Dorothy Keipper
 Bill Keirns
 Mary Ann King
 Iretta Kiser
 Shirley Knodel
 David Kouts
 Esther Cronkhite



Betty Kruse
 Donna Lee
 Delores Lehman
 (2 pictures)
 Harriet Linton
 John Longwell
 John McCleary



Pat McMichael
 Bill Maize
 (2 pictures)
 Marilyn Marks
 Maurice Marlotte
 Betty Mefford
 Gary Mefford



Ernest Miller
 Jim Miller
 Ronnie Miller
 Jim Mills
 Don Mohr
 Noel Moore
 Harold Murphy



Eleanor Oechsle
 Mary Ellen Pollock
 Janet Pritchard
 Marcia Priddy
 Donna Reichard
 Sue Reese
 John Riley



Crystal Roberts
 Dorothy Schaeper
 Alice Schaffner
 Robert Scheidt
 Frank Schoonover
 Beverly Scouten
 Jim Semer



Billie Simpson
 Jackie Simpson
 Rose Ann Sinn
 Bob Skelley
 Myrna Sowers
 Shirley Spearman
 Nancy Spitler



Allen Stabler
 (2 pictures)
 Eileen Stegaman
 Phyllis Steinmetz
 Carl Stephenson
 Joan Stetler
 Neil Stuckey



Dan Sutton
 Dorothea Tozzer
 Shirley Truax
 Ruth Unterbrink
 Paul Wagstaff
 Helen Wallace
 Marcia Waymire



Karl Wermer
 Don Williams
 Betty Wilson
 Peggy Winsley
 Martha Wiseman
 Delores Wisener
 Gene Wollenhaupt
 Carroll Zinsmeister





Freshman Class History

On September 12, 1949, 144 "Greenies" timidly tiptoed through the portals of Van Wert High School for the first time. We gazed with awe and bewilderment at the long corridors and the entanglement of rooms.

After the turmoil of the first few weeks had passed and we had finally settled down, along came the class elections. When the cheers and campaigning shouts had cleared away, we discovered that to the office of President we had elected Harold Fellers; Vice-President, Bob Kibler; Secretary, Sally Jarvis; and, Treasurer, Barbara Burgoon.

Feshmen members of the Student Council were: Nancy Mayer, Betty Bolinger, Lloyd Lee, Gerald Jerome, and Harold Fellers.

Our class was represented on the football team by Frank Scott, Dick Giesman, Ed Linser, Larry Gilliland, and Jack Conley. We were very proud to have Jim Young on the varsity team, and for his service, he received his "V", which is very usual for a Freshman. Roger Sherman and Don Miller were student managers.

Our fighting Cougar Kittens were: Frank Scott, Bob Stemen, Jim Gribler, Willie Hernandez, Gary Doxtater, Rodger Holtsberry, and Jay Dee McKim. Again we felt honored, for Jim Young made the varsity squad.

We had three vigorous Freshman cheerleaders: Colletta Collette, Janice Wells, and Janet Kreischer.

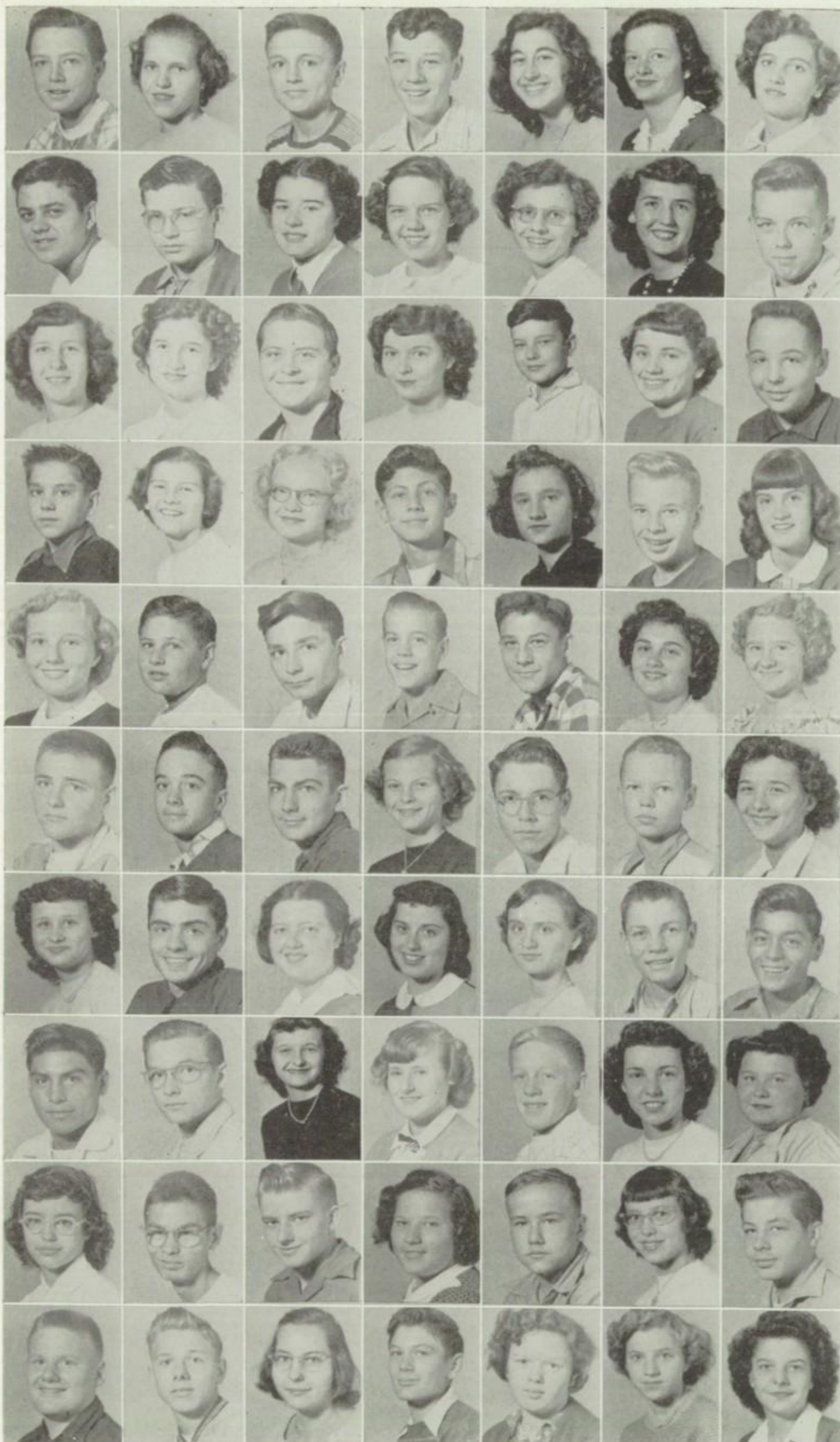
We were represented on the G.A.A. Cabinet by Joyce Williman.

In Y-Teens we were represented on the Cabinet by Jeannine Driscoll and Sally Jarvis.

We also have many members in Band, Chorus, and Jr. Hi-Y.

As we look back upon our year as Freshman, we see many pleasant, as well as serious moments. We are looking forward to our Sophomore year wondering what the future has for us.

Sally Jarvis



Morrell Allen
Janis Anderson
Jim Baer
Rickey Bailey
Grace Becker
Shirley Bell
Shirley Benford

Don Bisel
John Blake
Margaret Blanke
Betty Bollinger
Jayne Boroff
Shirley Boroff
Paul Bruni

Barbara Burgoon
Shirley Butler
Charles Chivington
Karen Clark
Wilbur Clymer
Colletta Collette
Jack Conley

Bob Conley
Fay Ann Cooper
Nancy Davis
Dick DeSanto
Mary Downing
Gary Duxtater
Jeannine Driscoll

Suzanne Eggross
Jim Exline
Harold Fellers
Terry Farlow
Bill Foreman
Elaine Gamble
Betty Geisman

Dick Geisman
Russell Gipe
Larry Gilliland
Laurie Gold
Jim Gribler
Barry Grothouse
Juanita Grunden

Shirley Haight
Frank Hall
Donna Hallam
Pat Hardin
Carolyn Harting
Bob Hartman
Willie Hernandez

Lorenzo Hernandez
George Hiatt
Pat Hiatt
Mary Hillery
Rodger Holtsberry
Pat Houts
Jackie Hurley

Sally Jarvis
Dean Jenkins
Gerald Jerome
Kay Jerome
Bud Jester
Shirley Johns
Don Keipper

Mike Kennedy
Bob Kibler
Carolyn Kissell
Fred Klausing
Shirley Klinger
Audrey Kreischer
Janet Kreischer

Rosanna Kreischer
Lloyd Lee
Ned Leiter
Ed Linser
Bob McClure
Norman McDaniels
Jaydee McKim



Wilma McNeal
Russel Mace
Wayne Mager
Ralph Matthews
Kay Maxson
Ruby May
Nancy Mayer



Meredith Mengerink
Gerald Mihm
Don Miller
Jim Miller
Virginia Miller
Mary Myers
Elizabeth Osborn



Richard Packer
Shirley Painter
Bob Pangle
Mary Lou Parker
Jean Purdy
Doris Rhodenbaugh
Sharon Rider



Jack Roth
Shirley Roth
Nancy Runyon
Richard Scaer
Pat Schaeper
Bill Schaffner
Barbara Schultz



Frank Scott
Jean Sherburn
Roger Sherman
Margie Shock
Fred Smith
Max Smith
Dick Smith



Jackie Speakman
Wanda Speakman
Bill Spoor
Ronald Staley
Bob Stemen
Joyce Strick
Frank Stripe



Margaret Stripe
Gerald Thatcher
Sharon Thomas
Sylvia Thomas
Rosalee Thurston
Jim Tomlinson
Doris Vian



Dick Watkins
Alice Weck
Janice Wells
Bill Werts
Cynthia White
Marilyn White
Charles Williams



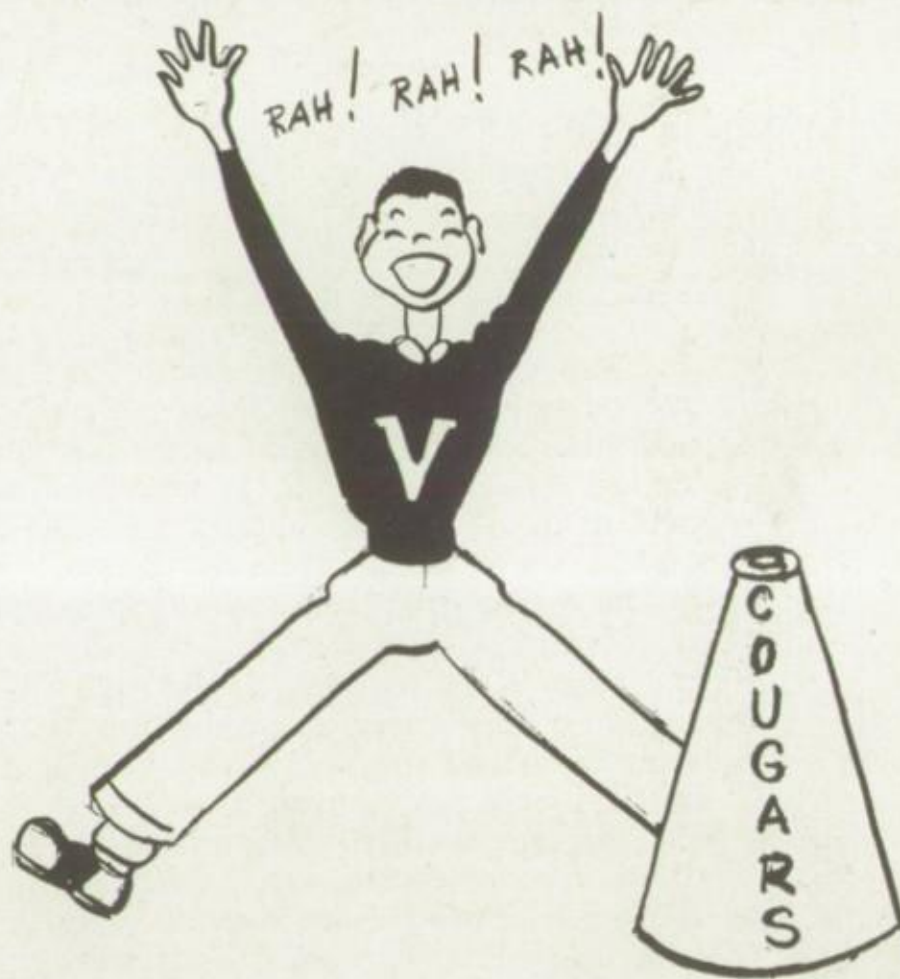
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Erma Wollett
Betty Wydallis
Jim Young
Jerry Young

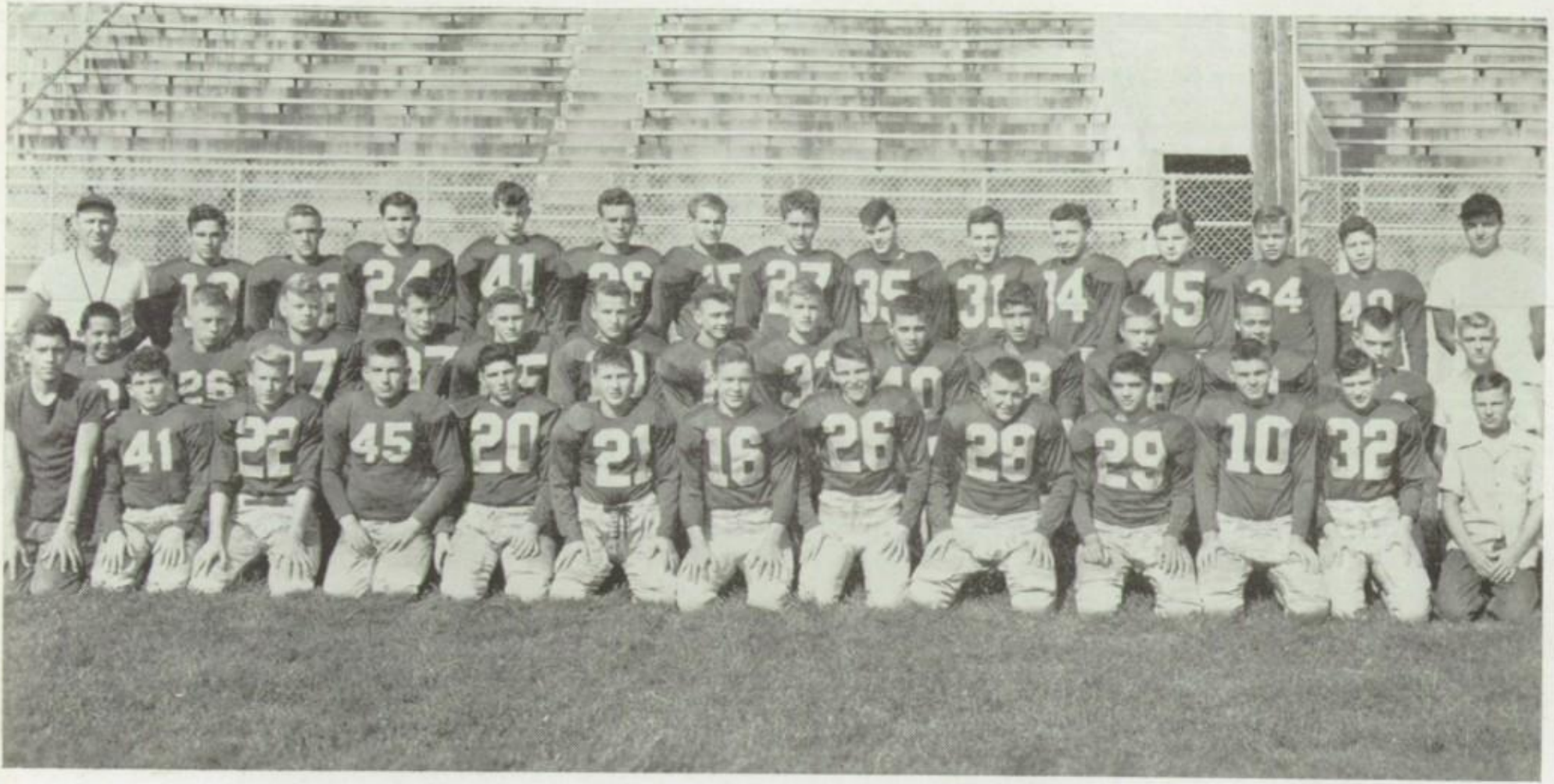




Sports

Sports play quite an active part in the lives of all at Van Wert High. What would we do without our winning football team, and our fine hard-working basketball team? Girls' and Boys' Intramural games are also played all during the year. Turn the page and yet yourself reminisce.





Football

The Cougars opened their 1949 gridiron campaign with a thrill-packed 27-6 win over the Bryan Golden Bears. Left halfback, Jack Kintz scored a touchdown in each of the first three quarters on runs of 2, 8, and 27 yards. Jim Young, Freshman fullback, smashed over from the one yard line in the last period for Van Wert's fourth six-pointer. Tom Krick converted on three out of four extra point attempts. Bryan's only score came early in the second quarter when Dill, Golden Bear quarterback, snaked across from the one.

Van Wert next journeyed to Defiance where the Cougar backs, led by halfback Bill Fellers, ran over the Bulldogs by a 28-6 count. The Cougar's first score came on the sixth play from scrimmage, when Fellers sprinted around left end from the 16 yard line. Fellers tallied again in the second quarter, driving through the Defiance forward wall from eight yards out; and he added another six-pointer in the third period on the identical play, this time from the 19. Krick kicked the extra point. Van Wert added nine more points in the final frame. Linebacker "Rock" Thomas tackled a Bulldog back in the Defiance end zone for a safety. After receiving the kickoff, the Cougars marched down the field, for their fourth TD, with Young bulling his way over from the one. Again Krick converted. Defiance's lone touchdown came in the second period when, Behringer, Bulldog halfback, broke lose for 51 yards.

The Kenton Wildcats were next in line, and the Cougars handed their stubborn Western Buckeye League opponents a 20 to 12 setback. Kenton



Coach Keller

Coach Kish

Coach Smith

scored its first touchdown in the opening period, when left half, Pifer crashed through center from the 7 yard line. Kintz scored the tying six-pointer a few plays later, snagging a 10 yard pass from Fellers and racing 34 yards to the goal line. Krick's conversion was perfect. Kenton went ahead in the second quarter. The Wildcats recovered a fumbled punt and eight plays later quarterback Streets sneaked over. With just four minutes left in the game things looked dark for Van Wert. Kenton, however, in attempting to stall, fumbled; and Thomas recovered for the Cougars on the Wildcat 9. Fellers quickly scored the winning TD. Again Krick's extra point was good. After receiving the kickoff the Wildcats attempted a series of passes, but failed and the Cougars took over on the 24 yard line. Feller's, on the next play, faked a pass and darted through the center of the line to the end zone.

The Cougars met their match for two full quarters against Bluffton; but, in the second half, they broke loose with two touchdowns to defeat the air-minded Pirates, 13-0. Co-Captain Fellers scored both Van Wert six-pointers. Krick booted one extra point in two tries. The Cougar forward wall was outstanding in this WBL game—time after time they dumped the Bluffton ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage for long losses. The final statistics showed that the Wildcats gained only one yard on the ground during the entire 48 minutes.



V.W.H.S. Varsity Cheerleaders: Marie Leshner, Anita Brochert, Marvin Brubaker Lou Stabler, Jo Edwards, Suzanne Conley



The Van Wert eleven won its fifth grid tilt in a row, including three in the Western Buckeye League, as it blasted the Bellefontaine Chieftains, 21-0. Right half-back Roger Stuckey scored the first Cougar touchdown. In the opening round he smashed off left tackle and fought his way 14 yards to the goal line. Krick's conversion was good. Stuckey skirted left end to tally again in the third frame, ending a 68 yard drive. Again Krick converted. Van Wert added its third score in the final period, when Young broke off right tackle and galloped 28 yards to pay-dirt. Krick kicked his third extra point of the night.

The powerful Lima Central Dragons — despite a highly disputed touchdown, which the Cougars didn't get — snapped Van Wert's six game winning streak, 14-13. In the first quarter Van Wert drove to the Lima six-inch line where, on fourth down, Fellers hit the middle of the line and was seemingly across. But the officials ruled he hadn't made it, and Central took over. There was no doubt about Fellers' touchdown in the second period as he streaked off-tackle and dashed 74 yards to the goal line. Krick added the extra point. The Dragons tied it up after the intermission. Bonfiglio, Central's elusive fullback, capped a sustained drive by sprinting to pay-dirt from the 24 yard line. Tremaine booted the tying point. What proved to be the winning score for Lima came as a "gift" from the Cougars. With the Van Wert eleven on the Dragon 12 yard line, the Cougar pass from center sailed into the end zone where Bowerman fell on it for a Lima TD. Tremaine added the all-important extra point. Van Wert scored its second touchdown in the fourth frame. Fellers climaxed a long Cougar drive by smashing into the end zone from 13 yards out. Krick's conversion attempt was wide.

For the first time in the past six years the Cougars defeated the St. Marys Rough-

Left to right: Young, Buerkley, Krick, Fellers, Williman, Stuckey, Bechtol, Tucker, Skelley.

riders. The 26-20 victory gave Van Wert at least a share of the WBL title. Early in the game Fellers, after faking an end run, flipped a short pass to halfback Jim Rolsten, who dashed the remaining 45 yards to score. Fellers crashed over the four yard line to score the second Cougar touchdown, capping a 47 yard march. Krick kicked the extra point. After receiving the kickoff, St. Marys drove to the Van Wert 44, where a pass to Cook clicked for the score. Another pass was good for the extra point. Fellers tallied the third TD for the Cougars, in the second quarter, driving over from the nine yard stripe. After the intermission, the Roughriders marched to the Van Wert 1 yard line, where, on the third play of the final period, Cook plunged over. Receiving the kickoff, the Cougarmen marched down the field to the St. Marys six-inch line, where Fellers went over. Krick's conversion was good. With two minutes left in the game Skinner raced around left end for 55 yards and St. Mary's third score. Fite hit center for the extra point.

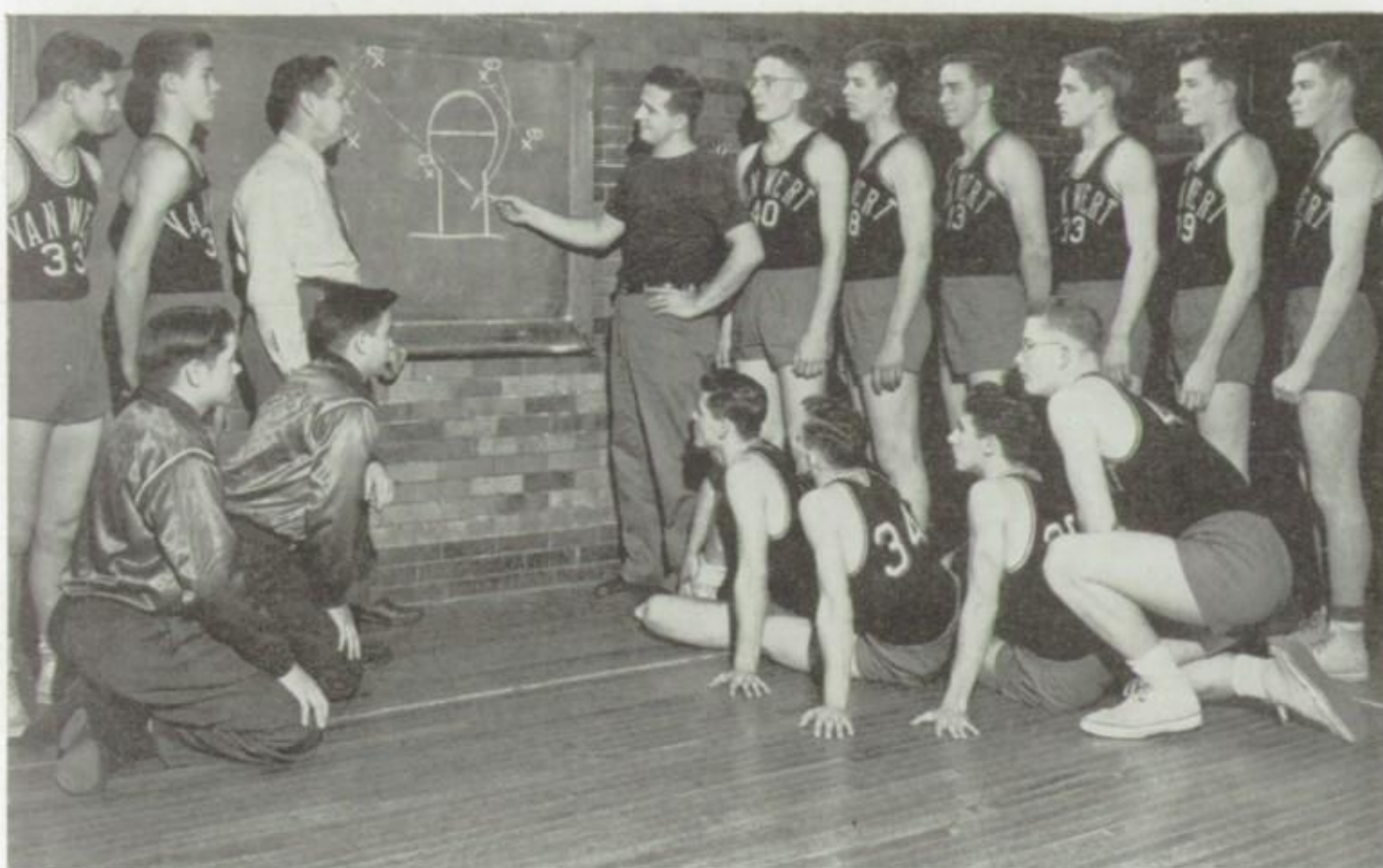
Van Wert crowned itself the undisputed king of the Western Buckeye League by holding its arch rival, the Celina Bulldogs, to a 0-0 tie in the Cougar's last game of the football season. Late in the first quarter Fellers gave the record home crowd of 4,185 its biggest thrill of the night as he broke away for 77 yards and what seemed to be a touchdown. A clipping penalty was called, however, and Van Wert's only serious scoring threat was called back.

This year co-captain Frank Hoffman, the Cougar's terrific lineman, was given an honor unique in the history of Van Wert gridiron greats. The coaches of Ohio picked Frank as a first-string tackle on their 1949 All-State squad.

Frank's co-captain partner, halfback Bill Fellers, received honorable mention in the voting.

Left to right: Pritchard, Rolsten, Hines, Riley, Kintz, Hoffman, Agler, Baltzell, Stemen.





Basketball

The Van Wert cagers dropped their 1949 basketball opener to Greenville's Green Waves, 23-21. A slow start proved the downfall for the Cougars as they scored only 6 points in the entire first half. Center Bill Kreider was the top scorer for Van Wert with 9 points. The Kittens were defeated 24-17 in the reserve contest.

The Cougars bounced back on the following Tuesday with a 45-40 victory over Paulding. Forward Bob Tucker sank 18 points for Van Wert to take individual scoring honors. The Kittens dropped a close 34-30 decision to the Paulding reserves.

Delphos St. John, the 1948 class B basketball champs, was next in line for the Cougars; and the rangy Blue Jays turned on the steam in the second half to win 63-36, after the Van Wert quintet had played them on even terms during the first two quarters. Tucker and Kreider led the Cougar attack with 9 points apiece. Delphos' tall reserve team, after a scare in the last quarter, nipped the Kittens 27-22.

On the following day the Cougars journeyed to Howe, Indiana, where, after a cold first quarter they whipped Howe Military Academy 50-37. Jack Kintz took scoring honors with 14 points. The Cougar reserves swamped the junior Cadets 38-16, for their first win of the season.

A foul shot by Dick Pritchard in the last 45 seconds of play gave the Cougar five a tight 38-37 victory over the Ada Bulldogs. Tucker topped the Van Wert scorers with 8 points. Ada's Bullpups squeezed by the Kittens 26-24 in the reserve game.

In their first Western Buckeye League tilt of the year, the Cougars were edged 46-44 by the Bellefontaine Chieftains. Tucker netted 17 points to lead the Van Wert offense. Bellefontaine's reserves tripped the Kittens 29-16.

The red-hot St. Marys Roughriders trounced the Cougars 64-45 in another WBL contest. Van Wert was in the ball game only during the first period when they trailed just 12-10. Tucker was high for the Cougars with 20 points. The fighting Kittens forced the Roughrider reserves into an overtime before being defeated 31-28.

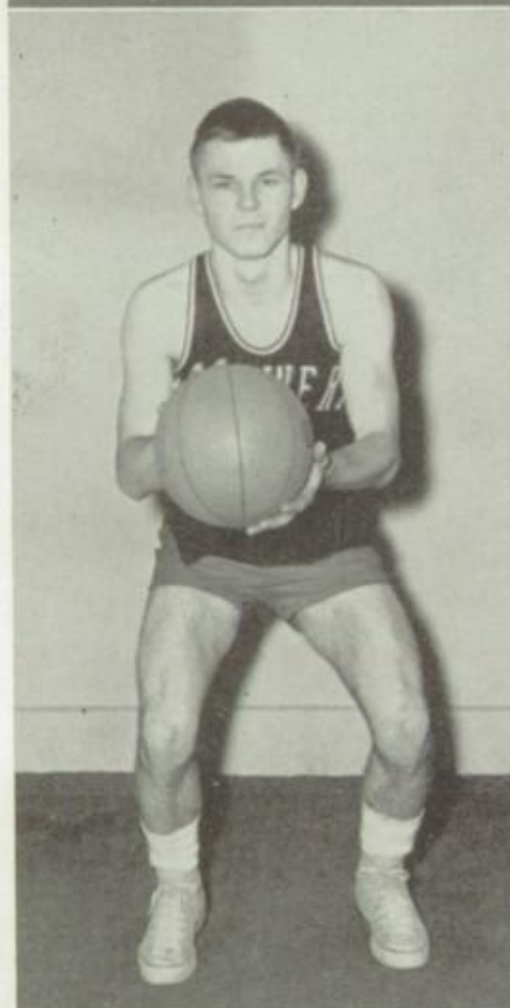
Suffering its third WBL defeat in a row, Van Wert was swamped by a torrid Celina Bulldog quintet 75-57. Tucker collected 22 points to head the Cougar offense. The Kittens dropped the reserve game 37-17.

Setting a new Van Wert scoring record, the Cougars smashed Wapakoneta's Redskins, 69-28. The win was Van Wert's first in the Western Buckeye League and snapped a three game losing streak. Tucker sank 22 points to top the Cougars scorers. The Kittens lost a tight 24-20 contest to the Redskin reserves.

The Cougars outlasted a tall Defiance Bulldog team 48-40, in one of roughest games of the year. Tucker sank 18 points to lead the Van Wert attack. The Kittens ran over Defiance's Bullpups 42-22 in the reserve tilt.

Pouring in 20 points in the last quarter, Van Wert clipped the Lima South Tigers 59-52, for its third consecutive victory. Tucker collected 21 points to take scoring honors for the night. The Lima reserves outscored the Kittens 53-41.

Left to right: Rolsten, Kintz, Tucker, Pritchard, Stuckey, G. Bagley, Kreider, J. Bagley, Sinn.





Freshman Tournament Champs: Stemen, McKim, Young, Gribler, Holtsberry, Scott, Doxtater.

The Cougars, playing erratic ball, dropped a 46-41 decision to the Bluffton Pirates in a WBL tilt. Cold periods in the first and third quarters were largely responsible for the loss, which broke a three game winning streak for Van Wert. Bob Tucker was the highest Cougar scorer with 16 points. The Kittens nipped the Pirate reserves, 29-28.

The Cougar cagers broke two scoring marks in blasting the WBL Kenton Wildcats 76-57. They scored 76 points — seven more than the record 69 set against Wapak two weeks earlier; and they hit 28 out of 38 free throws, also a record. Tucker sank 24 points to spearhead the Van Wert offense. The Kittens easily won the reserve game, 35-11.

The Cougars rallied to tie the Bryan Golden Bears, 43-43, in the last minute of regulation time, and then went on to win, 49-47, in their only overtime of the campaign. Tucker was the top Van Wert scorer with 14 points. The Bear Cubs defeated the Kittens, 43-33, in the reserve game.

The Van Wert five finished its cage schedule with a loss to fast-breaking Upper Sandusky. Tucker was high for the Cougars with 24 points. The Kittens dropped their game to the Upper Sandusky reserves.

Tournament Games at Ada

For the first time in the past three years Van Wert succeeded in winning a tournament game. A 25 point outburst in the third quarter gave the Cougars a 69-59 victory over the Kenton Wildcats. The score was deadlocked at the intermission 32-32. Tucker pushed through 23 points to lead the Cougar attack.

Van Wert climaxed its most successful basketball season in years with a heartbreaking 63-55 loss to the Lima Central Dragons. The Cougars led at half-time, 31-30. Tucker took individual scoring honors with 25 points.

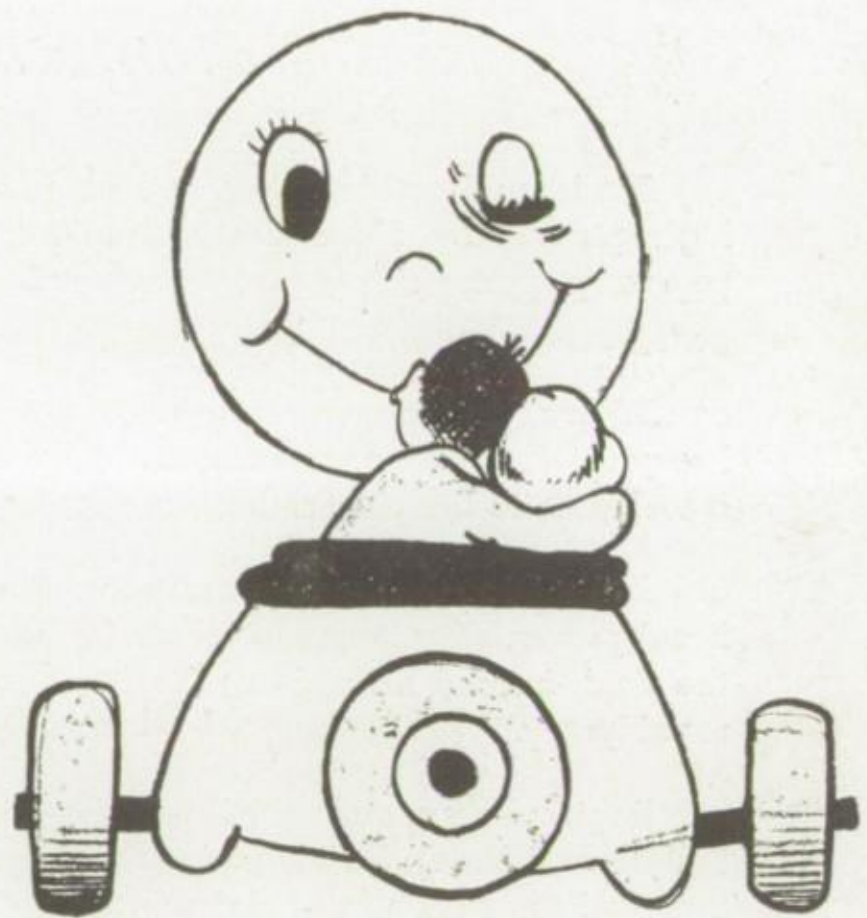
Sport Snaps





Activities

Van Wert High offers a multitude of activities for both girls and boys. In the following pages we have tried to present them to you as you have presented them to us.





Pat Gorman, Bill Fellers, Queen Regina Barry, Frank Hoffman

Homecoming

Traditional wet weather on Homecoming, October 21, didn't dampen the high spirits of loyal Van Wert football fans. Festivities began with an "unusual" pep rally sponsored by the Journalism Class.

In early evening a parade of cars containing the Queen, her attendants, candidates, and members of the Journalism class progressed up Main Street. Pre-game formations were climaxed by the V. W. H. S. band when they sang a welcome to the alumni from a schoolhouse formation.

At halftime the weatherman gave us a break. Immediately after the Wapak band presented a series of clever formations, V. W. H. S. band marched onto the field, formed an aisle at the fifty yard line, and played a fanfare for the royal party.

Regina Barry, our very lovely queen, was escorted down the aisle by Bill Fellers and Frank Hoffman, football co-captains, and her royal court. Fellers crowned the queen, and Hoffman presented her a bouquet of red roses. After the Queen had graciously thanked her schoolmates who elected her as Queen of Homecoming, souvenir bracelets were awarded to her deserving court—Pat Gorman, Senior attendant; Joan Edwards, Junior attendant; Ruth Unterbrink, Sophomore attendant; and Joyce Williman, Freshman attendant. To make a perfect 1949 Homecoming the Cougars defeated Wapak 47-0.



Girls Athletic Association

The activities of the G. A. A. started this year with the annual hike to earn twenty-five points. Some of the "old timers" noted that as far back as they could remember rain had always been present to top off the hike.

The girls sponsored a dance, two potlucks, a penny lunch, a play day for the eighth grade girls, and a farewell dinner for the Seniors at which the new cabinet members were inducted.

Points were earned by the girls from the following activities: speedball, basketball, volleyball, softball, ping pong, swimming, biking, hiking, skating, and bowling.

This year's cabinet follows: President, Marcia Hickman; Vice-president, Martha Zinn; Secretary, Joan Bebout; Treasurer, Regina Barry; Program Chairman, Donna Sells; Assistant Program Chairman, Sue Heath; Basketball Manager, Janet Rhoades; Assistant Basketball Manager, Connie Bricker; Volleyball Manager, Lou Stabler; Softball Manager, Joan Edwards; Speedball Manager, Joyce Walters; Hiking and Biking Manager, Marcia Waymire; Swimming and Skating Manager, Martha Jo Wiseman; Bowling and Ping Pong Manager, Marcia Becker; Historian, Virginia Scott; and the Freshman Representative, Joyce Williman.

And now a word must be said for the cheerleaders. They showed much spirit and were certainly one of the main moral builders for the teams. The Varsity cheerleaders were: Anita Brockert, Suzonne Conley, Joan Edwards, Marie Leshner, Lou Stabler, and Marvin Brubaker; while Peggy Agler, Marcia Becker, Colletta Collette, Janet Kreischer, and Janice Wells were the Reserve cheerleaders.

The Student Council

The Student Council is an organization through which members of the student body participate in the government of the school. Members are composed of the four class presidents and student representatives elected from each class. Seniors have eight representatives, the juniors have six, sophomores five, and the freshmen four.

The aims and goals of the organization are to promote greater school unity; to establish better co-operation between students and faculty; to create better school spirit; to improve student conduct; and to improve in any way the appearance of the school.

In order to fulfill these aims five squads were appointed: Social Squad—Marilyn Mayer, Chairman; Assembly Squad—Marvin Brubaker, Chairman; Conduct Squad—Bob Tucker, Chairman; Finance Squad—Tom Krick, Chairman; Courtesy Squad—Pat Gorman, Chairman.

The officers for the year were: Bill Fellers, President; Jim Rolsten, Vice-President; Paul Wagstaff, Secretary.

This year the Student Council made arrangements for the mixers, conducted eighth grade Visitation Day, and patrolled the halls. Perhaps one of their most popular activities was the selling of candy bars in the lower hall.

The faculty advisers are Miss Armstrong and Mr. Gallapoo.



National Honor Society

Purpose: To create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of American secondary schools. Members are chosen on the basis of the four cardinal qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Emblems: The flaming torch and the keystone.

Colors: Blue and gold.

Motto: Noblesse oblige. (Nobility has obligations).

In 1930 the National Honor Society chapter was granted to the Van Wert High School. Since then 330 pupils have belonged to this club.

On March 17, 1950, in a very impressive service, 15 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the organization. Last years members: Marcia Hickman, Mary Todd, Joyce Woten, Julia Spieker, Carolyn Drury, and Virginia Scott; inducted the following Juniors: Patricia Kinsey, David Livingston, William Balyeat, Wanda Stoller, Ann Weaver, Forest Crowe; Seniors: Marilyn Mayer, Patricia Taylor, Donna Sells, Martha Zinn, Joseph Giessler, Ruth Sherburn, Margaret Block, Carol Wortman, and Suzanne Heath. Mr. C. E. Drury delivered an address entitled "Shawnee Indians."

The advisers of the society are Miss Hall and Miss Lown.





Front row: P. McCollum, C. Drury, P. Taylor, L. Harding, A. Brockert. Back row: Miss Rusher, C. Stevens, S. Heath, J. Spieker, M. Todd, M. Olberding, J. Pennell, Miss Lown.



Front row: S. Conley, M. Waymire, P. Clark, M. Sowers, C. Fisher, A. Bauers. Back row: Mrs. Wise, M. Dietrich, D. Lehman, V. Bergstrom, J. Bricker, J. Driscoll, S. Jarvis.

Senior Y-Teens

The Y-Teen club of Van Wert High school was started in September 1946. The purpose of the club is the same as that of the Y.W.C.A.: "To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people and to grow in the knowledge and love of God." Its program is three fold: first, for spiritual enrichment; second, for social betterment; third, for informational progress.

Various activities conducted by the club during 1949-50 were: a style show for the club members; a Christmas Dessert for all Y-Teen mothers; a mixer for the high school called "The Shanty Shuffle"; an Easter assembly for high school students; and the club helped with the county Y-Teen banquet and dance.

The officers for this year were: President, Mary Todd; Vice-President, Mary Alberding; Secretary, Carolyn Drury; Treasurer, Pat

Junior Y-Teens

The Junior Y-Teens had a very successful year under the guidance of Mrs. Wise, the club adviser. Their meetings included several outside speakers who proved to be very interesting. The Junior Y-Teens co-operated with the senior club in many ways. They helped with the Christmas dessert for their mothers, the Shanty-Town Shuffle, and the Easter assembly.

The club officers were: Phyllis Clark, President; Mary Lou Dietrich, Vice-President; Myrna Sowers, Secretary; Joyce Bricker, Treasurer; Carla Rae Fisher, Devotional Chairman; Delores Lehman, Program Chairman; Suzanne Conley, Social Chairman; Audrey Bauers, Service Chairman; Marcia Waymire, Songleader; and Virginia Bergstrom, Publicity Chairman.

McCollum; Program Chairman, Julia Spieker; Social Chairman, Sue Heath; Devotional Chairman, Pat Taylor; Publicity Chairman, Carol Stevens; Ways and Means Chairman, Luetta Harding; Music Chairman, Marcia Hickman; Pianist, Anita Brockert; Advisers, Miss Elfreda Rusher and Miss Martha Lown.

M. Baxter, I. Chivington, C. Shaw,
J. Williams, E. Hiatt, M. Leshner,
I. Thomas.



Front row: B. Bollinger, M. Hickman, J. Pennell, C. Bricker, F. Cooper; Back row: M. Block, P. Kinsey, S. Butler, R. Kreischer, O. Johnson, L. Crowe.



F.H.A.

The Future Homemakers of America is the junior organization of the American Home Economic Association, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. The local chapter is affiliated with the Ohio and the national organization.

The motto of the club is "Toward New Horizons" and the colors are red for courage, and white for purity. The red rose, symbolic of happiness, is the flower of the club.

Van Wert, Allen, Mercer, and Auglaize counties form the West 11 district. Meetings are held each fall and spring of the school year. Janet Williams was elected president for 1949-1950.

Executives for this year were Elizabeth Hiatt, President; Imogene Thomas, Vice-President; Mary Lou Baxter, Secretary; Cleo Shaw, Treasurer; Ilo Chivington, Historian; Janet Williams, Parliamentarian; and Marie Leshner, News Reporter.

Miss Mary Sawyer is the adviser of the club.

F.T.A.

One of the newer organizations in Van Wert High School is the Future Teachers of America, which was organized for the first time in Van Wert in December, 1947. The purpose of the F. T. A. is to interest pupils in teaching and to acquaint them with the aspects of teaching. The club believes that students who know these aspects will make better teachers than those who simply fall into the teaching profession by accident.

The club members gain experience in teaching by substituting for the elementary teachers in their absence.

The club sponsor is Mr. Gallapoo, while the officers are: Jane Pennell, President; Marcia Hickman, Vice-President; Connie Bricker, Secretary; Pat Griffis, Treasurer.

Other members are: Carolyn Atha, Margaret Block, Olga Burgoon, Janrose Camburn, Donna Clymer, Odetta Johnson, Pat Kinsey, Phillip Price, Colleen Wortman, Shirley Benford, Betty Bolinger, Shirley Butler, Faye Ann Cooper, Lucille Crowe, and Roxanna Kreischer.



"V" Club

"To encourage high standards of sportsmanship and clean living" is the purpose of the "V" Club whose members have earned a "V" in basketball, baseball, or football. Cheerleaders and the managers of the teams are also included in this honorary organization. The "V's" awarded to students are under rules set up by the Athletic Board of Control.

The members of the "V" Club sold ice cream bars at the basketball games to make money for their annual banquet held at the close of each school year. Another social event included in the club's program was a hayride.

This year, Bob Tucker served as President; Bill Fellers, Vice-President; and Bill Kreider, Secretary-Treasurer, while Mr. Livingston was the adviser.



FFA

The Van Wert-Marsh Chapter of FFA has ended another year with flying colors. They were chosen to represent Ohio at Kansas City, Missouri, where they received one gold and two silver ratings in the National Chapter contest. Randall Giessler was honored by being chosen to sing in the National FFA chorus.

The club donated generously by giving \$15 to the March of Dimes, \$15 to the Community Chest, \$1 to the National FFA Foundation and 225 cans of tomatoes to the needy families of Europe.

Club activities for the year included a trip to Cleveland to see the Cleveland Indians, state and county fair exhibits, a hayride, a high school mixer, and a Parent and Son banquet.

There were 38 active members in the club this year; 10 Green Hands, 27 Chapter Farmers, and one State Farmer. The chapter has conferred the Honorary Degree upon 36 men. These men have assisted the chapter in many ways and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

The officers for this year were: Bill Fellers, President (he is also Vice-President of the Northwestern Ohio FFA Association); James Stabler, Vice-President; William Kreider, Secretary; David Hiller, Treasurer; James Buerkley, Reporter; Paul Spindler, Sentinel; and Randall Giessler, Historian. Mr. John H. Leonard is the adviser.



Band

With the beating of drums of the Van Wert High School Band started the year off with a boom by playing the football team on to victory. They attended every football game here and there except Bluffton.

After football season the concert band was divided into two bands: the Scarlet, under the direction of Bernard Clark, and the Gray, led by Joe Giessler. A band, solo, and ensemble contest was held Tuesday, February 21, 1950, in the band room. Mr. Al Stodden of Fort Wayne served as judge for the seventeen numbers. When the points were counted, the results were 89 for the Gray band and 81 for the Scarlet. A potluck supper was given as a prize to the winning Gray by the losers.

The twenty-second annual band concert was given April 13 and 14. The theme song was "Hawaiian Sunset." Colleen Wortman, Joe Giessler, Jim Cramer, Bernard Clark, and Robert Scheidt, exhibited their talents by playing solos with band accompaniment. "Cornish Rhapsody" was brilliantly played by Robert Scheidt as a piano solo with band accompaniment.

As a climax to a very successful year, the Van Wert High School Band played host to five bands participating in the Northwestern Ohio School Band Festival on May 12, 1950. Other schools who participated were Lima Central, Lima South, Kenton, Defiance, and Wapakoneta. The parade of bands started at 5:00 P.M., and the mass band concert, led by the guest conductor, Mr. Mark Hindsley of Northwestern University, was at 8:00 o'clock.

Chorus

Van Wert High School may well be proud of the choral group which under the direction of Mr. Herbert Jones has brought the charm of blended voices to our community as well as to the high school.

This year the students presented the operetta, "Chimes of Normandy." However, a new method was tried this year; two casts were used, thus giving more students a chance to participate in the leading roles. It turned out to be very successful.

Many soloists and ensembles entered the district contests at Bowling Green. The contests were continued to the finals at Columbus by those receiving a rating of excellent.

On April 15 the High School Choir, including the Girls' Chorus, the Boys' Chorus, and the Mixed Chorus, journeyed to Ada to compete with other B schools of this region. This year our choir was the only choir to receive the highest possible ratings.

This high school is indeed deeply indebted to Mr. Herbert Jones, who ably directed and trained this group in such a wonderful manner. None of this would have been possible without the conscientious effort put forth by him during the past year.



Seventeenth Summer

There are many problems in growing-up, as Angie Morrow finds out in her young teen-age life. The humorous and true-to-life experiences of the Morrow family proved to be an entertaining senior class play "Seventeenth Summer."

The play, under the direction of Mr. Howard Foltz, was presented two nights, April 25 and 26, with capacity audiences at each performance.

The cast was as follows:

Angie, the girl.....Marcia Hickman
 Margaret, her engaged sister.....Sue Truax
 Lorraine, her hopeful sister.....Sue Heath
 Kitty, her little sister.....Janet Layton
 Mrs. Morrow, her mother.....Carolyn Drury
 Mr. Morrow, her father.....Kernan Wright
 Jack, the boy.....Bob Sinn
 Art, Margaret's fiance.....Jack Kintz
 Martin, Lorraine's hope.....Phil Cully
 Jane, a menace.....Pat Kuckein
 Tony, a boy friend.....Roger Stuckey
 Margie, a girl friend.....Janette Cooper
 Fitz, her "steady".....Marvin Brubaker
 PrompterConnie Bricker
 Stage Manager.....Jack Priddy

Place—A Mid-Western town.

Time—Just a little while ago, Summer.



Junior Play

On November 15 and 16, the members of the Junior class presented the well-known radio play, "Those Websters." The production was under the capable direction of Mrs. Howard Foltz.

The story centered around the character of Bill Webster, an average teen-age boy, who had many problems with his girl-friend, coach, and teachers of Spring City High. The cast included many comedy characters, who were expertly played by each member of the cast.

Members of the cast were:

Bill Webster (who has growing pains)....
.....Jim Cramer

George Webster (his father)..Dick Matthews

Jane Webster (his mother)..Coleen Wortman

Liz (his kid sister).....Wanda Stoller

Belinda Boyd (Bill's "steady").....
.....Pat McCollum

Jeep Stanley (Bill's pal).....Jim Stabler

Dolores Mason (Jeep's "steady").....
.....Lucille Crowe

Kitty (Mr. Webster's secretary)..Sue Phillippy

Mr. Watt (taxi driver and general
handyman)George Brooks

Shirley Mae Stringer (from Charleston)....
.....Jane Pennell

Emil Stulir (nobody's "steady").....
.....Gene Bagley

The Football Coach (of Spring
City High).....David Livingstone

PrompterOlga Burgoon

The play takes place in the living-room of the Webster home at 46 River Road in Spring City. The time is the present.





Front row: Livingston, Balyeat, Jarvis, Wagstaff, Walters.
Back row: Brubaker, Bagley, Fellers, Giessler, Mr. Rauch.

Hi-Y

The Hi-Y Club of Van Wert is a Christian organization sponsored by the Van Wert Y.M.C.A. Its purpose is that of every Hi-Y Club: To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character.

This year the Hi-Y Club was divided into two clubs; the Junior Hi-Y, consisting of Freshmen and Sophomores, and the Senior Hi-Y consisting of Juniors and Seniors. The club adviser is Mr. Rauch while the Senior Hi-Y officers are Bill Fellers, President; Gene Bagley, Vice-President; Marvin Brubaker, Secretary; and Joe Giessler, Treasurer. The Junior Hi-Y officers are: President, Bob Skelley; Vice-President, Jim Bagley; Secretary, Paul Wagstaff; Treasurer, Allen Stabler. The club is under the guidance of Carl Fox, the club adviser.

In addition to selling soft drinks at football and basketball games, the Senior Hi-Y participated in many other activities. They gave a hayride and decorated the gym for the Hi-Y mixer. The last event of the year was the traditional Hi-Y Ladies' Night.



Senior Prophecy

Mary Lou Agler is chief cook at David Hiller's cafe known as "Hiller's Hash House." Their motto is: "Eat elsewhere and the world eats with you; eat here and you eat alone."

Dana Anderson hopped on a space ship several years ago and was last seen through a telescope in a zoo on Mars.

Jack Anspach is playing fullback on the Mendon Red-jackets Pro football team.

Helen Baer, a research worker, has revealed her findings in an informative report known as the "Baer Facts."

Dick Bagley is playing his Scottish bagpipes in a Viennese restaurant in China Town, San Francisco.

Madge Bailey once risked her life by manufacturing Bailey's Baked Beans when Fearless Fosdick was on the loose.

We recently saw this in the classified ads of Metropolitan Middlepoint's leading paper: "Don't tarry! Marry Barry." (Regina, that is).

Hugh Bebout is a big game hunter in Africa with a special affinity for monkeys.

Bernice Beck is a snake charmer between acts in Bill Chivington's Corny Carnival.

Charles Blanke has bought up all the comic books and is now selling them to VWHS students at black market prices.

Margaret Block has just published a new best-seller entitled "Chips Off the Old Block."

Connie Bricker has been voted by the rareum bomb scientists as Miss Sulfuric Acid of 1960.

Anita Brockert is operating a steam bath salon to develop physiques and undevelop non-physiques.

Charles Brown is top tuba tooter in Shmaltzgruber's German Band.

Marvin Brubaker is exercising his vocal cords selling apples on the Bowery.

Marie Leshner helps Marvin by yelling, "Louder, Marv, make some noise!"

John Cole has been visting his cousin Char Cole up in Bituminous, Canada.

All bald men are greatly indebted to Beatrice Collins who patented her new men's headwear — Beattie's Beanies for Bald Beans.

Junior Conley has turned nature lover and spends his time tripping through the forest smelling flowers and patting squirrels.

Janette Cooper has stepped into Gypsy Rose Lee's shoes and is designing her own gowns (?).

Martha Cronkhite is importing the new 1960 French bathing suit, an all-over creation similar to the 1900 fashions. They are being modeled by her business associate, Luetta Harding.

Sharon Cryer plays the title role in the radio play "Town Cryer."

Phil Cully has been hired as a special janitor and chief collection bottle washer to keep Coach Smith's chemistry store room cleaned up.

Imogene Doner has finally cut her hair.

Carolyn Drury is script writer for the Lone Ranger. Since Silver's decease, the new battle-cry is Hi-Ho-Nickleplate!

Kenneth Edwards, after taking two correspondence courses, has attained two degrees, Bachelor of Eating and Sleeping.

Marguerite Etzler was deported to Willshire for blowing up the chem lab and was never heard from again.

Don Evans has just patented a new wonder drug known as "Don's Delightful Dope" which cures anything from dandruff to ingrown toenails.

Jim Fawcett is sole owner of a group of chain restaurants (?) known as Steve's Incorporated.

Bill Fellers holds a high position in the Dept. of Interior: Chairman of the Federal Garbage Collecting and Street Cleaning Board.

Pat Gorman is Bill's private secretary. She picks up what he misses.

Barbara Friedly is lady wrestler and draws bigger crowds than Gorgeous George.

Ted Garmyn is making a fortune as a professional wrestler known in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan as Terrible Ted, the Tri-State Terror.

Doris Geisman has won a free trip to Greenland and all the snow you can eat by identifying Jack Keller, an old school mate, as Mr. Heartbreaker on "Truth or Consequences."

Joe Giessler has proved the Einstein theory false. School pupils all over the country are now studying Giessler's Theory of Relativity.

Frank Hall has just written a sequel to "The Lost Weekend" only slightly longer, entitled "The Misplaced Month."

Becky Hiatt's lone engagement ring isn't lonely any longer.

Marcia Hickman, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is still asking the question, "What manner of men are we?"

Frank Hoffman has taken over Tarzan's part. His latest movie is "Tarzan Plays Left Tackle." Oddly enough, his co-star is Arlene Palmer in the role of Jane.

Dick Horner has set the world's record for flag-pole sitting. He refuses to descend until Pat Kuckein, the first woman president, has been impeached.

Dave Hudson and Pat Skelley have eloped to Madagascar where they are making their living running a frog farm.

Duane Jerome has taken over Ezio Pinza's part in Ocy Lee Jones' new musical, "South Pacific on the Northern shore of Texas."

Are you a 199 pound weakling? If so, try Paul "Hercules" Johnson's new body builder course and be a 99 pound strong man.

Sultan Jack Kintz has taken over the Taj Mahal with his harem.

Bill Knoll is making asbestos records which are badly needed since Kernan Wright introduced his new hot jazz records.

Bill Lamb is an outstanding publisher of Civics books, dedicated to his favorite Civics teacher.

Janet Layton has taken over the management of Monte Carlo and has been raking in huge profits, mostly because of the daring dance team of Edna Lamb and Bill Kreider.

Doyle McCoy is piloting his 1927 hot rod in the Indianapolis Speedway.

Senior Prophecy

Joan Manley has donated her Ipana smile to Miriam, so she won't have to use Irium any more.

Sue Heath, famed psychologist, has among her consultees certain VWHS teachers wondering about certain VWHS pupils.

Marilyn Mayer has become Mayer, Mayor of Mayer, Arizona.

Donna Mosier has spent the past few years in Mexico teaching the Mexicans how to speak Spanish.

Janice Newbury is a natural for her newest radio part of Irma in "My Friend Irma."

Jack Priddy's new blonde hair rinse is sweeping the country under the label of Priddy's Platinum Potion.

Gordon Pritchard, a famous private eye, has been hired by Norma Stegaman to find her husband who went out for a glass of milk and never returned.

Every March 14 for the past few years, Roger Ralston, a billionaire, drops leaflets from his private plane which read — "Down with Income Tax!"

Pete Ray is still waiting for Armour stock to go up so he can regain the "75 lost back in his 1950 Economics class."

Dick Riley, paying off an election bet, is repainting the Statue of Liberty.

Rolland Runyon is still sleeping away in Miss Armstrong's classes.

Carl Saam is a traveling evangelist and for business reasons has changed his name to Psalm.

Virginia Scott is attending night school taking a course in "Improved Farming Chores for the Farm Wife."

Donna "Pro" Sells is now leading server on Krick's All Star Volleyball Team.

Marcia Severns is running for senator from Hawaii, the 49th state. Her vote-getting slogan is "Elect Severns, the South Sea Sweetie."

Ruth Sherburn is running for Treasurer of Pleasant Grange. Her slogan is "A Cow in every barn."

Roger Siders was last seen de-worming apples for his very popular drink, "Apple's" Cider.

Bob Sinn has made a fortune manufacturing Sinn's Shirts for Sizable Jerks.

Joan Sites is delving into the mysteries of her family tree hoping to find the missing link.

Barbara Smith is a big TV comedian with Milton Berle and Bob Hope as her strait men.

Julia Spieker is leading artist for Esquire's calendars with a slight change (men). She is famous for her Spieker Male.

Bob Mason has finally attained his lifelong ambition as National President of the Campfire Girls.

Paul Spindler, disappointed in love, has joined the French Foreign Legion.

Rita Spinoza has the romantic lead as Gopher Annie in the Broadway production of Wild Bill Hiccup.

Lou Stabler is star player of the Zollner Pistons. She has yet to make her first basket.

Barbara Stemen and a business associate have collaborated to form the P & S (Puffin and Stemen) Railroad Lines.

Robert Stemen is a professional wrestler. In his spare time he writes dog stories for kiddies and gives lectures to women's clubs.

Because of his great aversion to the female sex, Roger Stuckey has withdrawn from society to become a hermit in the wilds of Ubangi.

Pat Taylor, operatic soprano, sings Aida at the Met in New York.

Cleo Shaw sells cotton in the lobby of the Metropolitan Opera House during performances of Aida.

Imogene Thomas is collecting box tops from Cream-of-wheat so she can send for her autographed picture of George O'Brien.

Mary Todd, a famous chemist, invented a protective covering for overly ambitious chemistry students, known as Todd's Trusty Toppers.

Bob Tucker has patented his new Easy Come-Easy Go class ring now available to all high school juniors.

Bill Wable has been appointed chief census taker for 1960 and is even keeping count in his head.

Flash! Don Wade and Miss Armstrong have just signed a peace pact declaring a truce.

Corliss Welker is extremely busy trying to find an easier way to do nothing.

Dick Welker has established a rest home for worn-out truant officers.

John Wells, after several romances, has finally accepted the Presidency of the "I told ya so" Bachelor's Club.

Maxine's getting Wilder.

Rea Williamson, the first woman admitted to major league baseball has replaced Pee Wee Reese as short-stop for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Marie Winters, who has always been a demure young lass, has replaced Emily Post as the country's leading authority on behavior.

Tom Wise has just been crowned Tiddely Winks champion. Says Tom, "I owe it all to Sue Truax who kept my fingernails trimmed for me."

Are you wondering what those little mounds off the coast of Florida are? It's just Dale Wisener digging for Captain Kidd's lost treasure.

Carol Wortman is driving a dog team in Alaska where men outnumber the women 10 to 1. Mush, Wortman, mush!

Joyce Woten, who always wanted to see the world, is working out her passage shoveling coal on a slow boat to China.

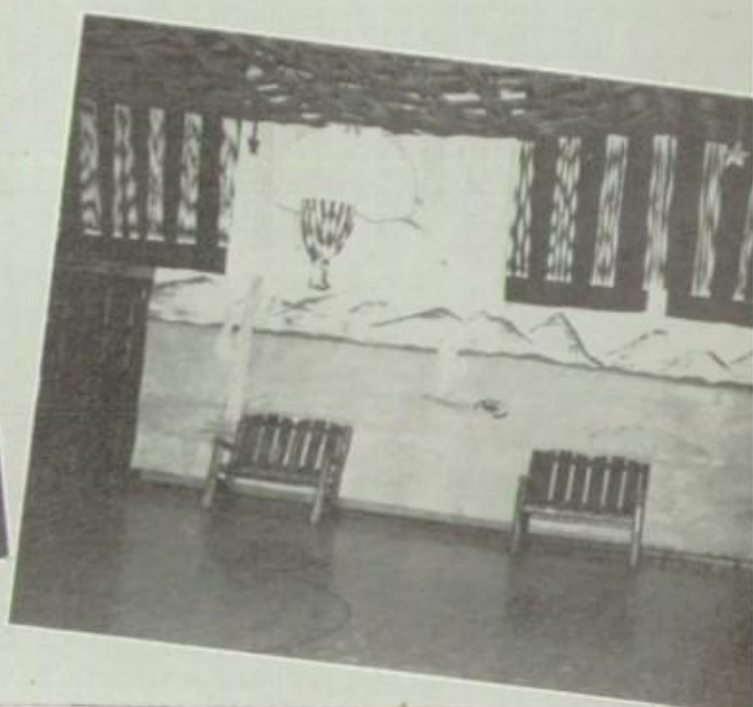
Fred Wyandt is a contortionist in a side show famous for his pretzel push-ups.

Gloria Young's laugh is in great demand so she is being hired by comedians to sit in their studio audiences and giggle.

Martha Zinn has developed an amazing new pancake flour known as Aunt Martha's Self-Flapping Jacks.







Prom

On the afternoon of May 20, 1949, busy Juniors were scrambling to put the final touches on the Junior-Senior Prom decorations. The theme "forty niners" was carried out by paintings of a boomtown and desert. Behind the orchestra were silhouettes of prospectors and the words "Welcome Forty-niners." A covered wagon, located beside a roaring campfire, was the refreshment stand. Silver stars suspended from a blue and white ceiling completed the unusual setting.

Jack Kintz gave a welcome to the forty-niners which was acknowledged by John Gunsett, Senior Class President. Burton Schelie and his orchestra furnished the music and dreamy mood. Kernan Wright was master of ceremonies for the evening. The Grand March was led by Marcia Hickman and Jack Kintz, Junior Class President.

Publications

The "Scarlet Quill," published by the Journalism class, is the high school newspaper. The paper comes out on every third Friday. The 1949-50 staff was: Editor-in-chief, Joyce Woten; Business Manager, Jim Fawcett; Circulation Manager, Anita Brockert; Exchange Editor, Julia Spieker; Sports Editors, Donna Sells, Pete Ray; Reporters, Regina Barry, Margaret Block, Connie Bicker, Carolyn Drury, Frank Hall, Suzanne Heath, Marcia Hickman, Marilyn Mayer, Arlene Palmer, Ruth Sherburn, Pat Skelley, Mary Todd, Bob Tucker, Carol Wortman; Adviser, Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer.

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Baccalaureate Services

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL
Sunday, May 28, 1950 — 6:30 p.m.
STADIUM

PROGRAM

Processional, "The Pilgrim".....	M. L. Lake
High School Band	
Invocation.....	Rev. Franklin Chant
"Bow Down Thine Ear".....	Morgan
High School Choir	
Scripture Lesson.....	Rev. Clark B. Price
"Jesus Our Lord We Adore Thee".....	James
High School Choir	
Baccalaureate Sermon.....	"At The Crossroads"
Rev. Edward F. Andree	
Benediction.....	Rev. D. H. Replogle
"God Be With You".....	Tomer
High School Choir	
Recessional, "Festival March of the Olympians".....	Castro Carazo
High School Band	

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If the Prize is Great, the Way is Hard

CLASS COLORS

Pink Rose

CLASS FLOWER

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Commencement Program

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 31, 1950 — 6:30 P.M.

STADIUM

PROGRAM

- Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance".....Edward Elgar
Van Wert High School Band
- Invocation.....Rev. Ralph C. Tucker
- National Anthem, by the Audience.....Directed by H. Herbert Jones
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band
- Saxophone Solo, "The Sax King".....Edward Chenette
Joseph Giessler
- High School Choir:
"Upon a Bed of Roses".....Wihtol
"You'll Never Walk Alone".....Rogers and Hammerstein
- Class Address....."America Calls to Youth"
Nathan Howard Gist
- Presentation of Class.....Robert Baker
Principal of Van Wert High School
- Presentation of Diplomas:
Dr. M. A. Forwalter, President, Board of Education
J. S. Hall, Vice-President, Board of Education
- "America", by the Audience.....Directed by H. Herbert Jones
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band
- Benediction.....Rev. T. A. Hiatt
- Recessional, "University Grand March".....Edwin Franko Goldman
Van Wert High School Band

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Senior Survey

Best looking Senior girl.....	Anita Brockert
Best looking Senior boy.....	John Wells
Senior girl with best personality.....	Marcia Hickman
Senior boy with best personality.....	Duane Jerome
Friendliest Senior girl.....	Marie Leshner
Friendliest Senior boy.....	Marvin Brubaker
Most popular Senior girl.....	Regina Barry
Most popular Senior boy.....	Roger Stuckey
Best dressed Senior girl.....	Bee Beck
Best dressed Senior boy.....	Bob Sinn
Senior girl with best sense of humor.....	Barbara Smith
Senior boy with best sense of humor.....	Jack Kintz
Most studious Senior girl.....	Marilyn Mayer
Most studious Senior boy.....	Jack Priddy
Biggest Senior wolfess.....	Connie Bricker
Biggest Senior wolf.....	Kernan Wright
Best girl athlete.....	Rea Williamson
Best boy athlete.....	Bob Tucker
Senior girl with best figure.....	Luetta Harding
Senior boy with best physique.....	Frank Hoffman
Senior girl most likely to succeed.....	Mary Todd
Senior boy most likely to succeed.....	Joe Giessler

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Don Smith (Clean Dealings in Dirt)

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